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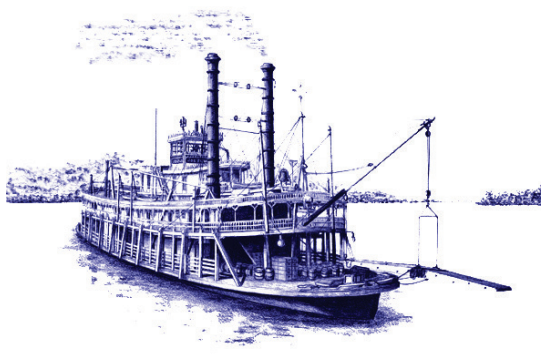

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COVID-19 cases push Jefferson back into the 'red'

Carroll County reports 34th death

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Due to increased numbers of COVID-19 cases, Jefferson County will be moving back into a "red" advisory level — indicating high community spread — on the Indiana Department of Health County metrics map going into the Christmas and New Year's holiday weekends.

According to a release issued by Jefferson County Health Department, there are no group setting outbreaks in Jefferson County at this time but overall cases of the virus are on the rise.

Advisory levels are factored using two metrics — the county's 7-day positivity rate and the county's weekly cases per 100,000 residents. Those two metrics are then averaged to determine the county's color advisory for the week.

Jefferson County's most recent metric map indicated a 7-day positivity rate of 13.21% and 200 or more weekly cases per 100,000 residents meaning the county is under a "red" advisory.

The move to a "red" advisory comes as many residents will be participating in holiday events with family and friends. With that in mind, the local health department issued a recommendation calling for "universal masking for all individuals in indoor public settings regardless of vaccination status."

As of presstime, Indiana COVID numbers had not been updated since Monday and the state's dashboard will not be updated Dec. 23 through Dec. 26. However, the latest figures showed Jefferson County with 6,510 cases of COVID overall including 16 new cases and 111 total deaths.

Switzerland County, also under a "red" advisory, has had 1,577 total cases and 14 total deaths with a 20.5 seven-day positivity.

Meanwhile in Kentucky, both Carroll County and Trimble County are in a "red" advisory and Carroll County reported one new death, giving the county 34 deaths in 2,290 total cases during the pandemic. Trimble County's death toll remains at 28 out of 1,480 total virus cases.

Jefferson County Health Department reminded residents if you are sick, seek testing right away and stay away from others until you know results. Free testing is available at the Jefferson County Community Testing Site located at King's Daughters' Hospital Convenient Care, 445 Clifty Drive, Madison. You can schedule a COVID test by visiting www.coronavirus.in.gov.

The Jefferson County Health Department office will be closed today and Friday for the holiday but Jefferson County residents and visitors are urged to get vaccinated against COVID-19

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Commissioners, Council reach no firm stand on water funding

BY BOB DEMAREE
AND MARK CAMPBELL

A joint meeting between the County Council and County Commissioners resulted in no firm answer on what Jefferson County might contribute from its American Rescue Plan allocation to a City of Madison drinking water infrastructure improvement project that will serve about 70% of the county's residents.

Brian Jackson, utility manager for the city, said a commitment from the county is needed in order for water rates to be calculated as the city begins the formal rate process needed to repay the debt service on the project moving forward.

"You can't do a rate study with an unknown number," Jackson noted.

The city has requested $2.5 million from the county's $6.2 million ARP allocation towards the project, but so far only $200,000 was earmarked during a draft proposal in August. However, the Commissioners have hinted that they might provide more funding than the $200,000 although Commissioner David Bramer at one point expressed that he didn't think it would be as much as $2.5 million.

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Wreaths Across America

Photos by Mark Campbell

Above: Members of the Major Samuel Woodfill Post 9 American Legion Honor Guard in Madison as well as family members and other volunteers begin the process of placing Christmas wreaths on the approximately 2,500 graves of veterans at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison as part of the Wreaths Across America program Saturday.

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CAROLINE CHALMERS MAY 27 1929
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FRANCES G MADDEX MCCLANAHAN AUG 1 1939 OCT 18 2020
CLARA ELIZABETH ROBERTSON MAR 5 1933 MAY 24 2007

Above: Becki Riley, (right) of Madison, kneels to place at wreath during the Wreaths Across America program Saturday at Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery as her sister, Ginger Riley, of Scottsburg, and grandmother, Jamie Riley (far left), look on with wreaths for other graves. The Riley's were visiting the grave of their grandfather and husband, Zach Riley, who served with the US Air Force in Korea.

Left: Volunteers unload pallets of boxed Christmas wreaths at Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery Saturday while preparing for the Wreaths Across America program there and at veterans graves in other local cemeteries

Tourism pledges $25K to help lasso pro rodeo event

BY BOB DEMAREE

Based on a discussion held at its November meeting, the Jefferson County Board of Tourism on Monday appropriated $25,000 toward bringing a professional rodeo event to Jefferson County during the fall of 2022.

Ellie Troutman and Tayler Rinehart appeared before the JCBT in November to initially ask for a $100,000 contribution to help secure the event, which would be broadcast on the rodeo channel, but later expressed that even a lesser amount would help.

At Monday's meeting, JCBT members agreed to offer $25,000 with the anticipation that more private contributions and sponsorships be sought with the possibility that additional funds from JCBT might be considered if needed.

One of the concerns about the rodeo is that in 2022, the only available date would mean scheduling on the same weekend as the Madison Chautauqua Festival of Art, which is slated for Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 24-25 and is a time when local hotels are already at capacity. That could lead to a poor visitor experience for both rodeo and Chautauqua visitors in Jefferson County that weekend and take less advantage of both events in terms of tourism and business.

Board member Trevor Crafton said while it's a gamble to schedule the rodeo on a weekend when the county is already

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OBITUARIES

Glenn Perkins

Glenn A. Perkins, 52, of Milton, Kentucky, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021, at Norton Brownsboro Hospital in Louisville. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover, www.morgan-nay.com.

Robbie Hensler

Robbie Joe Hensler, 74, of Bradenton, Florida, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021, in Florida. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover, www.morgan-nay.com.

Ryan England

Ryan K. England, 44, of Trimble County, Kentucky, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2021 at Kindred Hospital in Louisville. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover, www.morgan-nay.com.

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Florence motorist dies in Switzerland County flooding

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A Switzerland County woman died Saturday after her vehicle was swept off a dry ford crossing during flooding on Bud Ballard Road northeast of Vevay, Indiana.

Danielle Northcutt

According to the Switzerland County Sheriff's Office, Danielle A. Northcutt, 55, of Florence, Indiana, was trying to navigate a flooded creek crossing after heavy rainfall throughout the previous night caused the creek to flood and cover the normally dry crossing along Bud Ballard Road.

Northcutt was able to call 911 after her vehicle was swept off the pavement into the creek but first responders and rescue personnel could not arrive in time to save her, the SCSO said. Her vehicle was located mostly submerged several hundred feet downstream from the creek crossing and she is believed to have drowned while still inside the vehicle.

The sheriff's office said the creek crossing is well-known to residents who frequently travel the road and is in an area that is prone to flooding.

The sheriff's office issued a reminder on the risks and dangers associated with rising floodwaters and fast moving currents either in a vehicle or on foot. There are several roadways in Switzerland County that have isolated flooding issues anytime heavy rainfall occurs and residents are urged to detour to alternate routes in the event that a flooded roadway is encountered.

WEATHER

Sunrise: 7:55 a.m.
Sunset: 5:26 p.m.
Temperature: High 36, Low 31, Mean 33.5, Excess 3.4
Precipitation since last published: .0.
Precipitation, December: 3.24.
Precipitation, Year: 40.87.
Barometer: 30.11, Rising
River Level at IKE: 424.0, Steady
Three-Day Forecast: Friday: Showers 56/Low 52; Saturday Christmas Day: Cloudy 66/Low 47; Sunday: Partly cloudy 56/Low 49.

LOTTERY

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto: 5-10-12-13-40-42 (12/18). Next Estimated Jackpot: $3.6 million. Next Drawing (12/22)
Daily 3: 1-0-1 SB: 8
Daily 4: 4-0-2-3 SB: 80
Cash Five: 13-16-28-38-43 (12/21)
Cash 4 Life: 3-17-30-40-45 CB: 1 (12/21)

KENTUCKY
Pick 3: 1-1-0
Pick 4: 4-5-0-4
Cash Ball: 5-18-23-32 CB: 18 (12/21)
Lucky For Life: 2-10-18-26-31 LB: 14 (12/21)

MEGAMILLIONS
25-31-58-64-67 MB: 24, MP: x3 (12/21). Next Estimated Jackpot: $187 million. Next Drawing (12/24)

POWERBALL
2-13-23-34-66 PB: 2 PP: x4 (12/20). Next Estimated Jackpot: $378 million. Next Drawing (12/22)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 8-26-36-37-47 PB: 19 (12/20). Next Estimated Jackpot: Up to $10 million. Next Drawing (12/22)

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Drug arrests made after Madison traffic stop, warrant in Hanover

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A Madison Police Department stop for a traffic violation on Clifty Drive Saturday led to the arrest of a Madison man on drug and weapon charges.

Paul David Hatfield, 59, Madison, was charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony; and Possession of a Handgun with Permit, a Class A misdemeanor. Madison Patrolman Kyle Potter made the arrest after observing the methamphetamine in Hatfield's vehicle and then located the handgun during a subsequent search.

Paul David Hatfield

Calvin Rebel Carel

Calvin Clairance Carel

Hatfield was lodged in the Jefferson County Jail and later released on a $1,000 cash bond.

On Friday, Hanover Police following up on a tip that methamphetamine was being sold at a residence, obtained a search warrant that led to the discovery and seizure of methamphetamine, paraphernalia and other narcotic-related items.

Hanover Police arrested Calvin Rebel Carel, 50, Hanover, for Possession of Methamphetamine and Maintaining a Common Nuisance, both Level 6 felonies; Possession of Paraphernalia, a Class A misdemeanor; and Possession of Marijuana, a Class B misdemeanor.

Also taken into custody was Calvin Clairance Carel, 72, Hanover, who was charged with Intimidation, a Level 6 felony; and Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor.

Both men were lodged in the Jefferson County Jail. Calvin Clairance Carel was released on a $1,000 full cash bond and Calvin Rebel Carel is being held on a $1,000 cash bond

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Department assisted with the investigation.

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL

LODGINGS

Dec. 20, 2021

Ashton, Lynn Keith, 21, Madison, on an arrest warrant for a probation violation. Bond $2,000 cash.

Stacie Maureen Sebastian, 27, Madison, for Assisting a Criminal, a Level 6 felony. Bond $1,000 cash.

James Earl Turner, 56, Madison, on a Jefferson County bench warrant. Bond $1,000 cash.

Roberto Zavala, 32, Madison, on a Jefferson County warrant for a probation violation. Bond $5,000 cash.

JEFFERSON COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

SENTENCINGS

Kaytlynn Renee Callis, Madison, for Knowingly Operating Motor Vehicle Without Ever Receiving License, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 12 days jail with credit for six days served plus $185.50 court costs. Released for time served without conditions.

Porsche Renee Klare, Hanover, for Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated-Endangerment, a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to two days jail with credit for one day served plus $385.50 in fees and court costs. Released for time served without conditions.

Frances S. Kuhn, Madison, for Operating Vehicle While Intoxicated-Endangerment, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to two days jail with credit for one day served plus $385.50 in fees and court costs. Released for time served without conditions.

Scotty Jordan Binion, Versailles, Indiana, for Unlawful Possession or Use of a Legend Drug, a Level 6 felony with judgment amended to a Class A misdemeanor. Sentenced to 365 days jail with credit for one day served and 363 days suspended for probation plus $650 in fees and court costs.

Amanda Sue Sullivan, Madison, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 6 felony. Sentenced to 370 days at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for four days served and 362 days suspended for supervised probation with community corrections plus $685 in fees and court costs.

Matthew Edward Ledbetter, Hanover, for Possession of Methamphetamine, a Level 5 felony. Sentenced to two years at Indiana Department of Correction, fully executed, with credit for 112 days served plus $685 fees and court costs.

Michael Brian Starkey, Hanover, for Operating a Vehicle While Intoxicated, a Class C misdemeanor. Sentenced to 60 days jail with credit for two days served and 56 days suspended for probation and driver's license suspended plus $610.50 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

JEFFERSON COUNTY

Rodney D. Lockridge to Ariel Marie Makin and Alex Patrick Makin, 4000+ West Water View Lane, Hanover.

Steven J. Myer and Diane C. Meyer (deceased) to Steven J. Meyer, 319 Montclair Street, Madison.

JEFFERSON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

HEALTH INSPECTIONS

The Jefferson County Health Department conducts quarterly inspections of all food establishments or locations that handle food in the county. Health inspections become a public record 10 days after the inspection takes place.

The documents highlight critical, noncritical and repeat violations during each inspection or follow-up. Critical violations are listed. All records are supplied by the Jefferson County Health Department, which can be reached at (812) 273-1942.

October 4-9, 2021

118 Unique Boutique: Soup, Stew, Chili and Brew — One non-critical.

Autumn Trace: Soup, Stew, Chili and Brew — No violations.

Gallery 115: Soup, Stew, Chili and Brew — No violations.

Harry's Stone Grill: No violations.

Historic Broadway Hotel: One non-critical.

Ice Cream Shack: No violations.

Lil' Dutch Mini Donuts: No violations.

Livery Stable: No violations.

Madison Elk's Lodge: Soup, Stew, Chili and Brew — No violations.

E.O. Muncie — Madison Schools: One non-critical.

Morris On Main: Soup, Stew, Chili and Brew — No violations.

Off Broadway Taproom: Soup, Stew, Chili and Brew — No violations.

Shooters Bar and Grill: Soup, Stew, Chili and Brew — No violations.

Sonny Concessions: Soup, Stew, Chili and Brew — No violations.

Super ATV: Soup, Stew, Chili and Brew — No violations.

The Kettle Kings: Soup, Stew, Chili and Brew — No violations.

Thomas Family Winery: Soup, Stew, Chili and Brew — No violations.

Troublemakers: Soup, Stew, Chili and Brew — No violations.

October 11-16, 2021

Bob Evans Farms Inc.: One non-critical and one repeat.

Chef Boy Har-V: IXCR Racing — One critical: Meats were observed stacked improperly in the cooler. Raw bacon was on the top shelf where a package of cheese was under it. These two products should be switched in a cooler.

City Meat Market: Eight non-critical and two repeats.

Hilltop Dairy Queen: Two non-critical.

Lanther Winery: No violations.

Pizza Hut: Three non-critical.

Prince of Peace Schools: No violations.

Rally's Hamburgers: Four non-critical and three repeats.

Rivercrest Lighthouse LLC: No violations.

Taco Bell: One non-critical.

The Attic at KDH: No violations.

October 19-23, 2021

Burger King: Four non-critical and two repeats.

Horst's Little Bakery Downtown: No violations.

Off Broadway Taproom: Two critical 1) Homemade sauces that are stored in the prep cooler were dated past the seven-day mark. The employees are making new to throw out the old. 2) Several spray bottles were found without labels. These bottles appear to be new and have a blue liquid inside them. Two non-critical.

Ole! Ole! Tacos: One critical — Two spray bottles were found without labels on them. One bottle was on the cook line and the other was near the dish area.

Walmart Su%er No. 1327: Two non-critical and one repeat.

October 25-29, 2021

Big Lots No. 255: One non-critical.

Fairfield Inn and Suites: No violations.

Johnnie Rebs: Two non-critical.

Kent Mercantile: Two non-critical.

Madison Elks Lodge: One non-critical.

McDonald's Hanover: Two non-critical.

Midway Deli and Grocery: No violations.

Subway Hilltop: COMPLAINT — A complaint was received stating that the manager was on the cash register taking money. He then went directly to the assembling line and put on gloves without first washing his hands. Also, the customer stated that the employees that were working on the food line did not have appropriate hair restraints on. During the complaint inspection I spoke with the person in charge and explained the proper procedures when putting gloves on. Hair restraints were also mentioned as being required while working with exposed food.

Yamato Japanese Steakhouse: Four non-critical.

November 1-6, 2021

Brittany's Brick Oven Pizza: No violations.

Burger King No. 1098: COMPLAINT — A complaint was received by a customer. The complaint stated the food product coming off of the broiler is not tasting good and the equipment is not being properly cleaned. I spoke with the manager on duty and was told that equipment was being cleaned per Burger King procedures.

Circle K No. 4700008: Three non-critical.

City Meat Market: Pre-operational. No violations.

Dutch Discount Market: Two non-critical and one repeat.

Gallery 115: No violations.

Hanover College — Alpha Delta Pi: No violations.

Hanover College — Kappa Alpha Theta: No violations.

Hanover College — Phi Mu Sorority: No violations.

Homecoming Hill Farm: Pre-operational. No violations.

MadLove Eat & Drink: Pre-operational. No violations.

Red On Main: One critical — Spray bottles throughout the establishment were found without labels. 1) Bottle hanging off the hand sink in the kitchen 2) Small yellow bottles at the server station and behind the bar. Two non-critical.

Tapatio Mexican Restaurant: One critical — The hand sinks were both found obstructed with items inside them. They should be kept clutter free so that at any time anyone is able to use them. Two non-critical and two repeats.

The Lickity: Pre-operational — No violations.

The Season's Cafe: COMPLAINT: A complaint was received stating that the building was without hot water. During the complaint inspection the hand sinks were tested. Hot water was available. No objectionable conditions noted at time of complaint inspection.

Wendy's: Four non-critical and one repeat.

November 8-12, 2021

BP Hanover: Three non-critical.

Domino's Pizza: Two non-critical.

Horst's Little Bakery Downtown: Fire — The structure will need to be cleaned and remodeled before the establishment can reopen. Any food and single use products that were exposed will need to be thrown away.

Jendy's Pizzeria: Two critical — 1) An employee drink was observed without a lid near the drive through ice bin. Drinks must have a lid and be stored away from equipment and food product. 2) An open gallon of milk was found in the milk dispensing unit without a label of the date it was opened. Seven non-critical and three repeats.

Mac Me Smile: No violations.

Papa John's Pizza: One non-critical.

BIRTHDAYS

EDITOR'S NOTE: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madisoncourier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

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OBITUARIES

Betty Aulick

Betty A. Coghill Aulick, 82, of Madison, Indiana, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2021, at the Waters of Clifty Falls in Madison.

She was born on Jan. 19, 1939, in Trimble County, Kentucky, to Edna Coghill. She grew up and attended school in Milton, Kentucky, and moved to Jefferson County, Indiana, in 1967. She married Raymond Eugene Aulick in 1988. She was a homemaker and enjoyed her home and flowers. She was a member of Madison Moose Lodge No. 765, Madison VFW Auxiliary Post No. 1969 and Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 of the American Legion Women's Auxiliary. She was a Baptist and enjoyed gardening, cooking, spending time with her family and watching UK basketball.

Survivors include her sons, Terry Coghill of Madison and William Coghill of Crestwood, Kentucky; seven sisters, Virginia Richardson of Paris, Indiana, Doris Beard of Milton, Lois Bennett and Wilma Anderson, both of Madison, Sue Cull of Trimble County, Shirley Davison of Frankfort, Kentucky and Jo Ann Cox of Deputy, Indiana; six brothers, Bobby Chatham of Vevay, Indiana, Ralph Chatham and Freddy Chatham, both of Hanover, Indiana, Doug Chatham of Milton, Frankie Coghill of Clarksville, Tennessee and Richard Coghill of Scipio, Indiana; two stepsons, Ed Hackney of Scottsdale, Arizona and Bruce Hackney of Carmel, Indiana; three stepdaughters, Vanessa Coonrod of Nampa, Idaho, Mary Rotha Willey of Fishers, Indiana and Samantha Aulick of Columbus, Indiana; and a granddaughter, a great granddaughter, a great-great granddaughter and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her mother; her husband of 32 years on July 30, 2020; two sisters, Mary Lou Smolarczyk and Linda Worcester; three brothers, William Chatham Sr., Victor "Buddy" Chatham and James Allen Chatham; two stepdaughters, Vicki Aulick and Karen Aulick; and a great-great grandson.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 28, at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison. Visitation is 11 a.m. until time of services on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association through the funeral home. Online condolences, www.morgan-nay.com.

Louis Schwade

Louis Eddie Schwade, 70, of Switzerland County, Indiana, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021, at St. Elizabeth Dearborn Hospital in Lawrenceburg, Indiana.

He was born in Jackson, Michigan, on Jan. 8, 1951, to Shiela Clautier Schwade and Eddie Schwade. He attended Jackson High School and received an associate's degree from Jackson Community College. He served in the US Army during Vietnam and was a member of the Vevay VFW Post No. 5396 and the Rising Sun American Legion Post No. 59. He was married to Sally Weiss Schwade. He worked at the Jackson Water Department in Michigan and was superintendent at the Patriot Water Department in Indiana. He also had been a prison guard for 10 years in Jackson and La Grange, Kentucky. He was a member of the Vevay Assembly Church and loved farming and taking care of his cattle and horses while accompanied by his dog, Barney.

Survivors include his wife of 47 years of Switzerland County; his daughter, Brenda Warren of Jerome, Michigan; three sons, Josh Schwade of Tampa, Florida, Ron Schwade of Jackson and Joe Schwade of Hanover, Michigan; two sisters, Lonnie Fritz of Jackson and Genevieve Sloan of Vevay, Indiana; a brother, Larry Seeger of Arcata, California; and six grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Jeff Schwade; and by a grandson.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 29, at the Vevay Assembly Church in Vevay. Burial with military honors will be at Eastview Cemetery in Patriot, Indiana. Visitation is 11 a.m. until time of services on Wednesday, Dec. 29 at the church.

Arrangements by Markland Funeral Home in Rising Sun, Indiana. Memorial contributions may be made to the Vevay Assembly Church through the funeral home. Online condolences, www.markfuneralhome.com.

Alma Dillow

Alma Edna Dillow, 87, of New Washington, Indiana, died Wednesday, Dec. 15, 2021, at her home there.

She was born on Nov. 16, 1934, in Vevay, Indiana, to Oscar T. and Lillian Blanche Bromwell Harmon. She was a retired employee of I.C.I. of Americas.

Survivors include a son, Mark A. Jones of New Albany, Indiana; her stepsons Robert Dillow Jr. of New Washington, Johnny Lee Dillow of Madison, Indiana and David Lee Dillow; a stepdaughter, Ann Marie Dillow; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Robert Dillow Sr., two sons, Donald Crumley and Terry Crumley; her brother, Buck Harmon; her sisters, Patsy Duran, Thelma Richmond, Imojean Abbott and Anna Bales.

Graveside services were Monday, Dec. 20, at Crown Hill Cemetery in New Washington.

Joseph P. Behne

Joseph P. Behne, 74, of Hanover, Indiana, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021, at King's Daughters' Hospital in Madison, Indiana. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Hanover and Madison, www.morgan-nay.com.

Helen Dean Burnett Parks

Helen Dean Burnett Parks, 80, of Bennington, Indiana, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021, at Norton Hospital in Louisville. Funeral arrangements are pending at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay, Indiana, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Barbara Bright

Barbara J. Bright, 79, of Bloomington, Indiana, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2021, at the McCormick's Creek Skilled Nursing in Spencer, Indiana. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover, www.morgan-nay.com.

Virginia Ritchie

Virginia Ritchie, 73, of Madison, Indiana, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021, at Baptist Health Hospital. Funeral arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover, www.morgan-nay.com.

Clarabell Crandell

Clarabell Brown Crandell, 98, of Moorefield, Indiana, died Tuesday, Dec. 21, 2021, at the Margaret Mary Community Hospital in Batesville, Indiana.

She was born on Aug. 25, 1923, in Switzerland County, Indiana, to Thomas Emory Brown and Prudie Todd Brown Poore. She was raised in Switzerland County and was a 1942 graduate of the Vevay High School. She married Carl Scott Crandell on Jan. 14, 1944, in Louisville, and they had two sons. She was employed at Maw Burnett's Diner on Main Street in Vevay, Indiana, and later employed for Indiana Title Company in Indianapolis from 1952-1963. She became a licensed agent and owned and operated with her husband C.S. Crandell Insurance Agency in Moorefield, Indiana from 1963-1985. She was a 50-year member and held various offices of the Bennington Order of Eastern Star Chapter No. 407. She was a member of the Long Run Baptist Church near Moorefield and a former member of the Moorefield Home Economics Club. She loved attending church and women's missionary.

Survivors include her sons, Arthur "Art" Crandell of Versailles, Indiana and Glenn Crandell of Moorefield; her grandchildren, Rachel Evans and Levi Crandell; and eight great grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 53 years on July 11, 1997; her sister, Grace Elizabeth Brown; her brothers, Carl T. Brown, Robert E. Brown and Fred W. Brown; her stepfather, Joshua Gabriel Poore; a stepsister, Clara Frances Burroughs; and a niece.

Funeral services and Bennington Order of Eastern Star Chapter No. 407 services will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 28, at the Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home in Vevay. Interment will follow in the Caledonia Cemetery near Moorefield.

Visitation is noon until time of services on Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Long Run Baptist Church, Bennington Order of Eastern Star Chapter No. 407 or Moorefield Community Fire Department through the funeral home or online, www.haskellandmorrison.com.

Kenneth Mason Sr.

Kenneth R. Mason Sr., 76, of Ghent, Kentucky and formerly of Madison, Indiana and Carrollton, Kentucky, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2021, at his home in Ghent.

He was born on March 6, 1945, in Dayton, Ohio, to William R. and Margie Barker Mason. He grew up and attended school in Dayton and resided most of his life in the Madison and Carrollton communities. He married Della Ruth Fields Mason in 1965 and they had three daughters and a son. He had worked at Hylex Company in North Vernon, Indiana, as a fork lift operator in receiving, for Arvin Sango in Madison, as manager of the Pit Stop (Swifty) gas station in Carrollton and as a food manager for Shoney's Restaurant. He also served as a deputy sheriff in Ripley County, Indiana, for several years in the Holton and Osgood communities. He was a member of the Major Samuel Woodfill Post No. 9 Sons of the American Legion in Madison and enjoyed playing Bingo, socializing and being with his family.

Survivors include his daughters, Peggy L. Hamlett of Clearwater, Florida, Vivian Ann Mason Girdler of Edinburgh, Indiana and Teresa Lynn Abbott of Madison; his son, Kenneth Ray Mason Jr. of Ghent; a sister, Mildred June Kendricks of Dayton; two brothers, Robert Eugene Mason of West Carrollton, Ohio and Johnny Boy Mason of California; and 11 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters, Mary Jo Kostyal and Kay Laverne Sullivan; and a brother, William Robert Mason Jr.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 23, at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison. Interment will follow in the Springdale Cemetery in downtown Madison. Visitation is 11 a.m. until time of services Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Kenneth R. Mason Sr. Remembrance Fund through the funeral home to help with funeral expenses. Online remembrances and memorials, www.morgan-nay.com.

Robert Fultz

Robert Michael Fultz, 72, of Jeffersonville, Indiana, died Dec. 8, 2021, at Clark Memorial Hospital in Jeffersonville, after a lengthy illness.

He was born on March 3, 1949, in Madison, Indiana, to Robert Fultz and Ruby Miller Fultz. Mike was a graduate of Madison High School and attended Parsons College in Iowa, earning a bachelor's degree in History and Political Science. He was a US Navy veteran, serving a tour of duty in San Diego. He had also lived and worked in Washington, D.C., eventually returning to Madison to care for his mother, who had owned and operated the Fiesta Restaurant with in downtown Madison with her husband, in her final years.

Survivors include two nephews, Shane Phillips of Lexington, Indiana and Bob Phillips of Dupont, Indiana; his life partner, Dan Stafie; and several great nephews and great nieces and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Wilma Phillips Little.

Cremation was chosen with arrangements entrusted to Scott Funeral Home in Jeffersonville.

A gathering of family and friends will be planned in the Spring by his cousin, Donna Moore Lowry Stephenson, of New Albany, Indiana, to celebrate his life.

Online condolences, www.scottfuneralhome.com.

Gwendolyn Burrows

Gwendolyn Marie Gividen Burrows, 90, of Sligo, Kentucky, died Monday, Dec. 20, 2021, at Magnolia Springs East in Louisville.

She was born on Aug. 25, 1931, in Sulphur, Kentucky, to Earl F. and Edna Lucille Joseph Gividen. She was a homemaker and a long-standing member of Sligo Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Sheila Crutch of Terre Haute, Indiana and Susan Brady of La Grange, Kentucky; a son, Scott Burrows of Pendleton, Kentucky; a brother, Jack J. Gividen of Abingdon, Virginia; and two grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 61 years, Paul A. Burrows, on Aug. 16, 2011 and a brother, Tommy Gividen.

Funeral services will be private. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sligo Baptist Church.

Arrangements by Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, Kentucky. Online condolences, www.ransdellfuneral.com.

Barbara Kirby

Barbara M. Goodman Kirby, 91, of Madison, Indiana, Barbara died Monday, Dec. 20, 2021, at River Terrace Health Campus in downtown Madison.

She was born on June 17, 1930, in Orange County, Indiana, to Clarence G. and Hattie Coulter Goodman. She was raised in Orange County, graduated from Paoli High School in 1948, and earned a degree as a registered nursing at Norton's Infirmary in Louisville. She married Gerald V. Kirby on Oct. 30, 1952, in Muncie, Indiana, and they had a daughter and a son. The family moved to Jefferson County, Indiana, in 1960, where she was a registered nurse for 26 years at Madison State Hospital before retiring on Dec. 31, 1993. She was then a docent for the Jefferson County Historical Society and a member of the PEO Sisterhood.

Survivors include her daughter, Karla Gauger of Madison; her son, Mark Kirby of Terre Haute, Indiana; her grandchildren, Audrey Barnes and Ryan Gauger; and two great grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 64 years on May 29, 2017, and a brother, Banks Goodman, on Dec. 31, 1989.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 30, at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre in Madison. Interment will follow in the Stamper's Creek Cemetery near Paoli. Visitation is 11 a.m. until time of services Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Gerald V. Kirby Scholarship, the American Cancer Society or Our Hospice through the funeral home. Online condolences and memorials, www.morgan-nay.com.

Danielle Northcutt

Danielle A. Northcutt, 55, of Florence, Indiana, died Saturday, Dec. 18, 2021, in Switzerland County, Indiana.

She was born on Feb. 16, 1966, in Montclaire, New Jersey, to Patty Quinn and James Stringfellow. She was a nurse and a hospice nurse, attended Crossroads Church in Florence and was a talented musician playing the violin, cello and the piano. She loved to run and had been in four half-marathons. She enjoyed knitting and made beautiful items, especially socks. She loved to camp and boat with her family and loved her black Lab, Coal, and her cat, Bart.

Survivors include her spouse, Larry Northcutt; her children, Antoine Maples of San Diego, Rachael Northcutt of Albqueque and Matthew Brandon Northcutt, Moriah Marlene Northcutt, Lydia Anne Northcutt, Lillian Deborah Northcutt and James Robert Northcutt, all of Florence; her siblings, Charles Cheatham Jr. of Dallas, Asia Prince of East Orange, New Jersey, Mukaddim Prince of Los Angeles and Mubarak Prince of Columbus, Ohio; and many nieces, nephews, other family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her father and a sister, Asabiyah Prince.

Funeral services were Wednesday at the Rullman Hunger Funeral Home in Aurora, Indiana. Interment was in the Concord Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family to help with funeral expenses or to Crossroads Church. Online condolences and memorials, www.rullmans.com.

Jason Hembree

Jason Lee Hembree, 37, of Carrollton, Kentucky and Somerset, Kentucky, died Friday, Dec. 17, 2021, in Carroll County, Kentucky.

He was born in Somerset, on July 16, 1984, to RD "Danny" Howard and Virginia Hembree Braden. He was a mechanic and enjoyed riding motorcycles, hot rods, running the roads and fishing.

Survivors include his father and stepmother, Sandra Howard, of Carrollton; his mother and stepfather, Curtis Braden, of Waynesburg, Kentucky; two sons, Josiah Alexander Hembree and Colton Isaac Ray Hembree; three daughters, Jayden Victoria Hembree, Emma Poltson and Kenna Taylor Hembree; five brothers, RD Howard III, Joseph Howard, Danny Howard, Greg Braden and Kenny Dale Braden; four sisters, Angela Hembree White, Brittany Hulsey, Michia Hembree and Misty Rose Hembree; and many other family and friends.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Crystal Hembree; his maternal grandparents, Tom and Roseann Hembree and his paternal grandparents, RD and Bertha Howard; and a niece.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 28, at the Graham-Dunn Funeral Home in Carrollton. Visitation is 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Monday at the funeral home.

Online condolences, www.grahamdunnfh.com.

In Loving Memory Of

Robert Michael Fultz

Robert Michael Fultz, age 72, passed away at Clark Memorial Hospital in Jeffersonville, Indiana, on December 8, 2021. He had been ill for several months and had previously been hospitalized for an extended period at the VA Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky. Mike was the son of Robert Fultz and Ruby Miller Fultz, both now deceased, and were the owners and operators of the Fiesta Restaurant in downtown Madison for many years.

Mike was a graduate of Madison High School and attended Parsons College in Iowa, earning a Bachelor's degree in History and Political Science. Mike was a Navy veteran, serving his tour of duty in San Diego, California. He lived and worked in Washington, DC in past years, eventually returning to Madison where he devotedly cared for his mother in her last years.

In addition to his parents, Mike was preceded by his sister, Wilma Phillips Little. He is survived by two nephews, Shane Phillips of Lexington, Indian, and Bob Phillips of Dupont. Other survivors include great nephews and nieces, several cousins, and his life partner, Dan Stafiej. Scott Funeral Home was entrusted to cremate. A gathering of family and friends will be planned in the Spring by his cousin, Donna Moore Lowry Stephenson of New Albany, Indiana.

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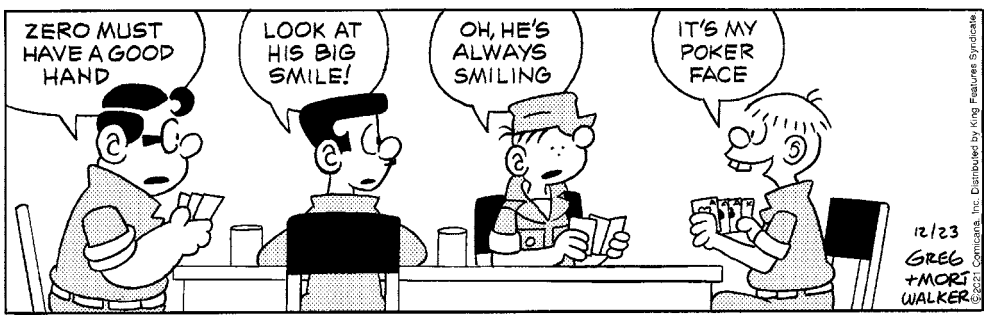
ZERO MUST HAVE A GOOD HAND
LOOK AT HIS BIG SMILE!
OH, HE'S ALWAYS SMILING
IT'S MY POKER FACE
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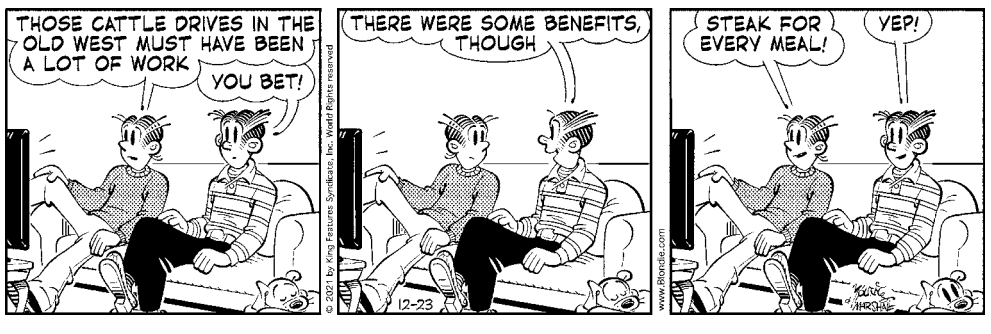
THOSE CATTLE DRIVES IN THE OLD WEST MUST HAVE BEEN A LOT OF WORK
YOU BET!
THERE WERE SOME BENEFITS, THOUGH
STEAK FOR EVERY MEAL!
YEP!
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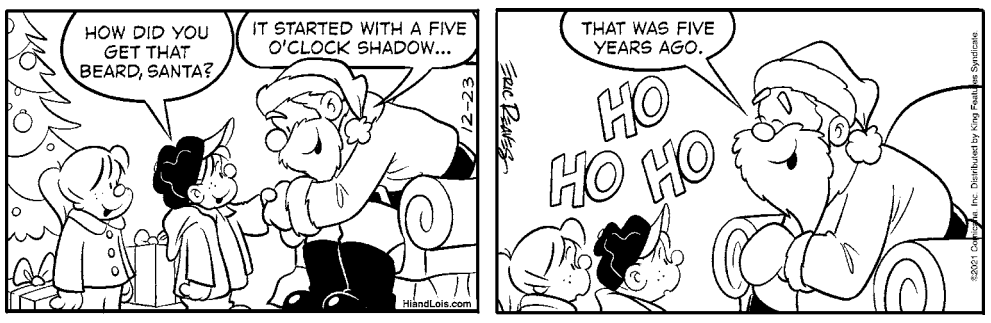
HOW DID YOU GET THAT BEARD, SANTA?
IT STARTED WITH A FIVE O'CLOCK SHADOW...
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THAT WAS FIVE YEARS AGO.
HO HO HO
ERIC REYNOLDS
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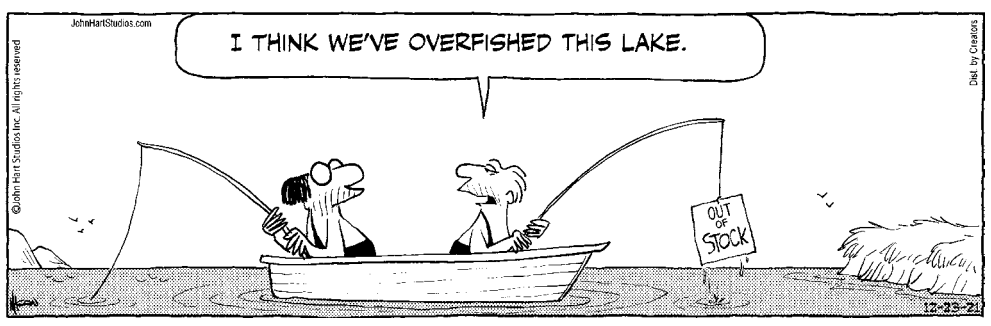

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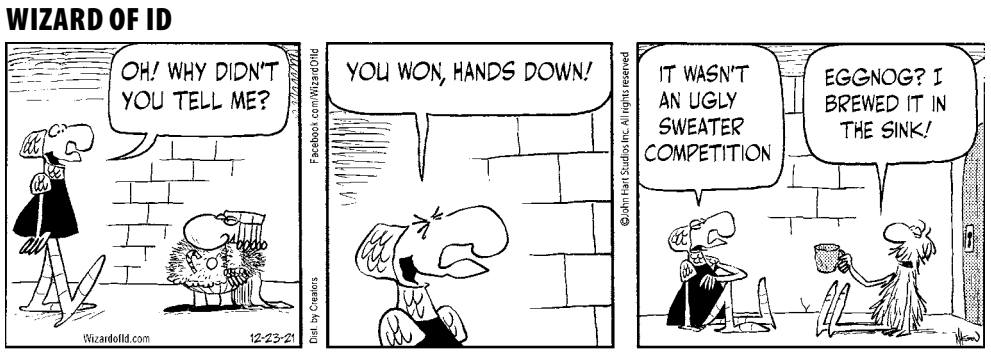
OH! WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME?
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YOU WON, HANDS DOWN!
IT WASN'T AN UGLY SWEATER COMPETITION
EGGNOG? I BREWED IT IN THE SINK!
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DILBERT

IT IS CRITICAL THAT YOU WORK ALL NIGHT TO HAVE THIS DONE BY TOMORROW.
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THE NEXT DAY
I GOT IT DONE!
GREAT. GET ON MY CALENDAR FOR NEXT WEEK TO DISCUSS IT.
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NOW I WANT TO STRANGLE YOU WITH MY BARE HANDS.
WHY DOES EVERYONE KEEP SAYING THAT?

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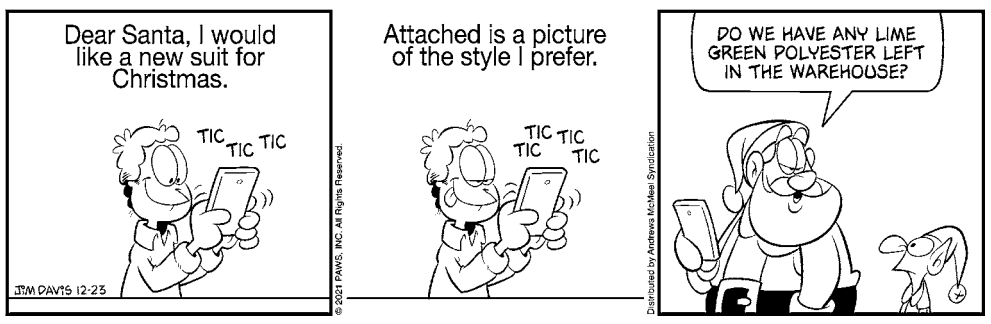
Dear Santa, I would like a new suit for Christmas.
TIC TIC TIC
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Attached is a picture of the style I prefer.
TIC TIC TIC TIC
DO WE HAVE ANY LIME GREEN POLYESTER LEFT IN THE WAREHOUSE?
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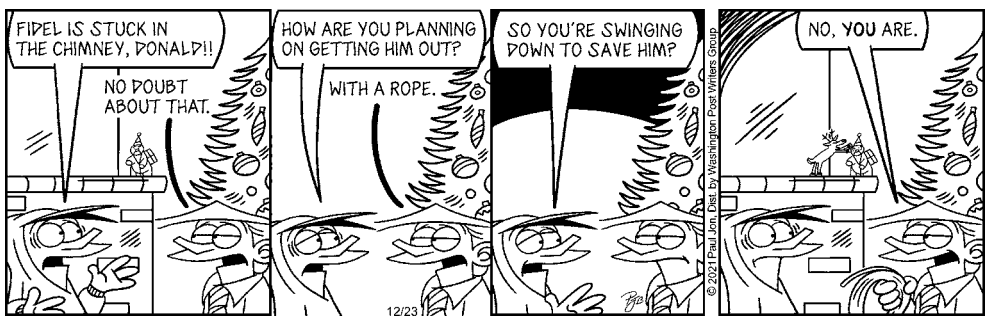
FIDEL IS STUCK IN THE CHIMNEY, DONALD!!
NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT.
HOW ARE YOU PLANNING ON GETTING HIM OUT?
WITH A ROPE.
SO YOU'RE SWINGING DOWN TO SAVE HIM?
NO, YOU ARE.
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PICKLES

IT'S TIME TO GET OUT MY CHRISTMAS GEAR. THERE'S MY SNOWMAN TIE AND MY UGLY CHRISTMAS SWEATER...
Christmas
OH! AND MOST IMPORTANT OF ALL, MY CHRISTMAS EARPLUGS.
WHAT ARE THOSE FOR?
IT'S THE HAP-HAPPIEST SEASON OF ALL...
WITH THOSE HOLIDAY GREETINGS AND GAY HAPPY MEETINGS...
SAY WHAT?
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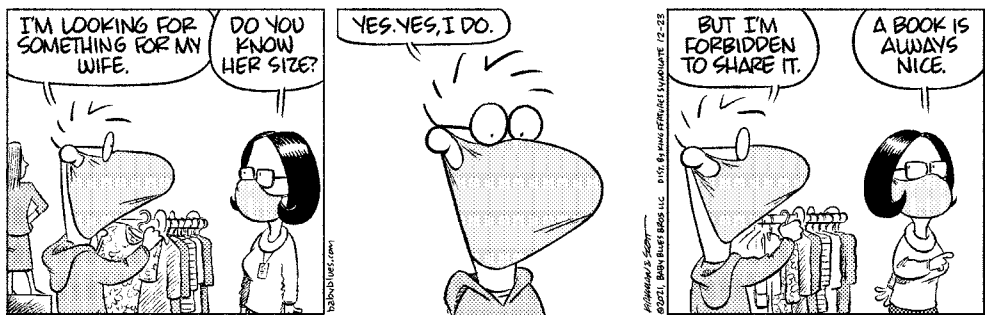
BIL and JEFF KEANE
"By my calculations we need 12 C's, 26 double A's, 16 triple A's, 6 nine-volts ..."

DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES


I'M LOOKING FOR SOMETHING FOR MY WIFE.
DO YOU KNOW HER SIZE?
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YES. YES, I DO.
BUT I'M FORBIDDEN TO SHARE IT.
A BOOK IS ALWAYS NICE.
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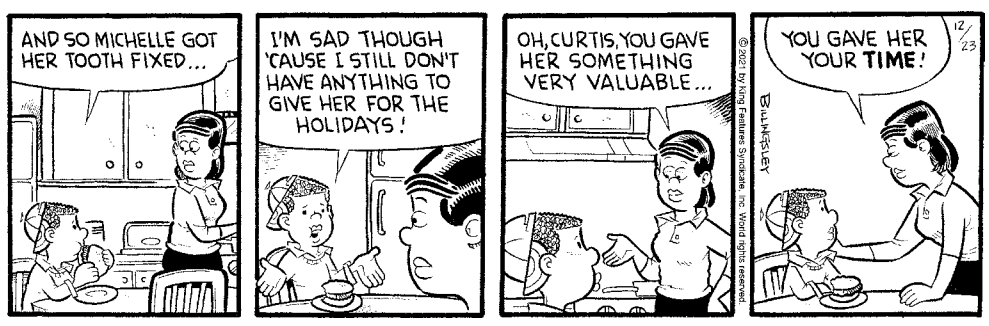
CURTIS


AND SO MICHELLE GOT HER TOOTH FIXED...
I'M SAD THOUGH 'CAUSE I STILL DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO GIVE HER FOR THE HOLIDAYS!
OH, CURTIS, YOU GAVE HER SOMETHING VERY VALUABLE...
YOU GAVE HER YOUR TIME!
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I'VE ALWAYS BEEN CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT FASCINATING THINGS GO ON IN THAT MIND OF HIS.
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BUT NOT ANYMORE.
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Traveling in-laws cause stress for me, my husband

ANNIE **LANE**
DEAR ANNIE

Dear Annie: My husband is 68, and I am 66. He has two boys, and I have one, all fully grown and out on their own with children and even grandchildren.

Recently, my husband and his youngest, "Thomas," had a talk about how little time his son spends with us or any other family member. Thomas has a wife and children, and they are a busy family. A lot of the things they do we are unable to do, due to health issues. We've invited them out to dinners, but they just aren't interested. I won't go into all the excuses given.

What I would like to know is what I can do to help my husband with his son's decision to not spend time with us or other family members. It really gets to him that he chooses friends and his animals over him. I tell him not to worry about it, but I know he does.

We live in a rural area and there isn't much around to do, especially in the winter. Any advice? — Lost in PA

Dear Lost in PA: The fact that Thomas even engaged in this conversation is promising. It means that he cares.

Given Thomas' busy schedule, your husband might need to initiate. Rather than inviting them out to dinner, why don't you and your husband drive over and offer to cook them a meal?

They might not share any hobbies, and they might not have much time to spare — but everyone's gotta eat.

Dear Annie: I've been with my husband for 10 years, and my husband's parents are wonderful people. They graciously host holidays; they offer to let us stay in their beautiful home each time we visit; and best of all, they are eager to see and spend time with us.

They are recently retired, and we both work full time. This sometimes leads to us denying their offers to spend time together as work doesn't always allow us to do so. We live about five hours away from them, so it's not an easy daytrip.

While we love to spend time with them, we have had to deny visits due to work-schedule conflicts. They respond to our denial by revealing that they already have lodging and are coming to visit regardless. If we deny them again, they pay cancelation fees on pre-booked lodging. If we allow it, then they stand around bored, waiting until the end of our shifts for us to be "ready." It's simply not good timing for us, and we can't host them well.

Additionally, my husband and I are introverted and while we love them, hopping into conversation and attentive family hosting right after work is awfully exhausting.

I understand they have more free time with retirement and want to see us, but how do we stop them from making plans without an affirmative "yes"? — Yes, Please

Dear Yes, Please: If your in-laws are coming to see you, you and your husband must be included in the planning process for these trips.

The next time you see your in-laws, simply tell them that whether their next trip is in a few weeks or months down the line, you'd rather know early so you can put it on your radar. This ensures that no one is disappointed, spending unnecessary money or feeling stressed during what should be a fun visit, and that you'll truly be able to make the most of your time together.

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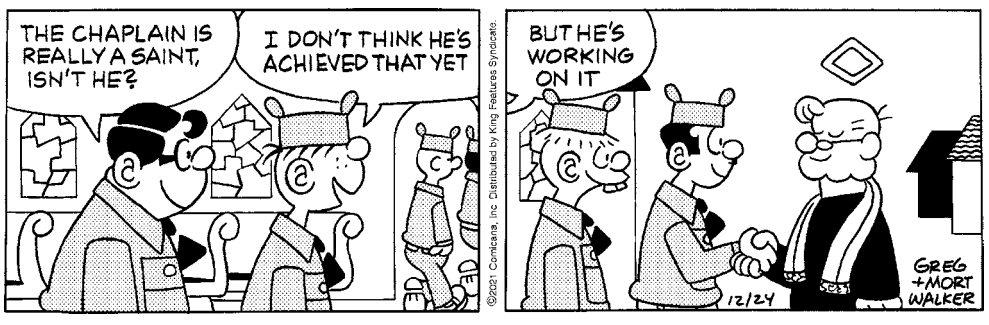
THE CHAPLAIN IS REALLY A SAINT, ISN'T HE?
I DON'T THINK HE'S ACHIEVED THAT YET
BUT HE'S WORKING ON IT
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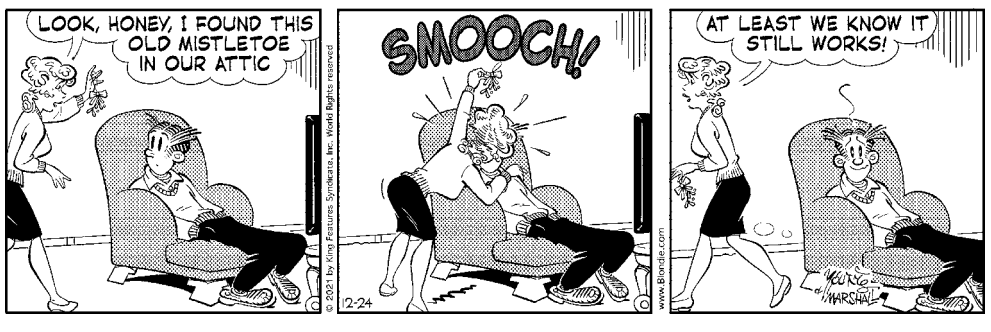
LOOK, HONEY, I FOUND THIS OLD MISTLETOE IN OUR ATTIC
SMOOCH!
AT LEAST WE KNOW IT STILL WORKS!
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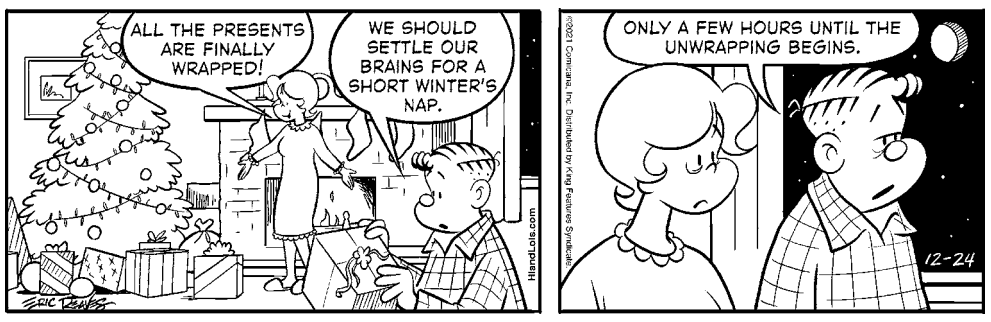
ALL THE PRESENTS ARE FINALLY WRAPPED!
WE SHOULD SETTLE OUR BRAINS FOR A SHORT WINTER'S NAP.
ONLY A FEW HOURS UNTIL THE UNWRAPPING BEGINS.
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ERIC REYNES
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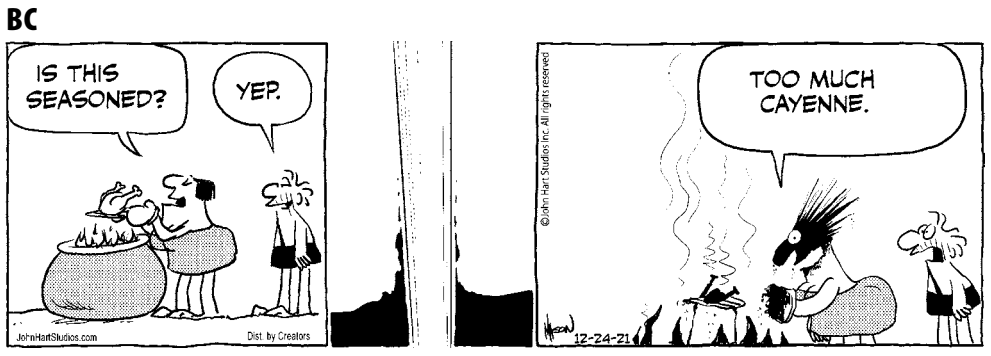

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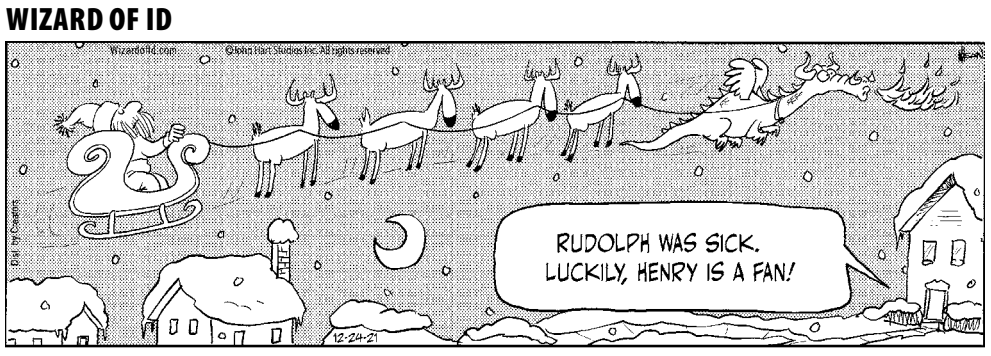
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RUDOLPH WAS SICK. LUCKILY, HENRY IS A FAN!
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DILBERT

TED, YOU ARE JUST THE RIGHT GUY FOR THIS ASSIGNMENT.
YOU DON'T HAVE THE PROPER SKILLS TO DO IT RIGHT, BUT I PLAN TO COMPENSATE FOR THAT BY BEING UNCLEAR IN WHAT I WANT.
WILL THAT WORK?
FRANKLY, IT'S OUR BEST SHOT.
DILBERT.COM
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GARFIELD

OH, BOY!
IT'S CHRISTMAS EVE!
WHADDYA SAY WE ALL GO TO BED EARLY AND NOT BE ABLE TO SLEEP?!
JIM DAVIS 12-24
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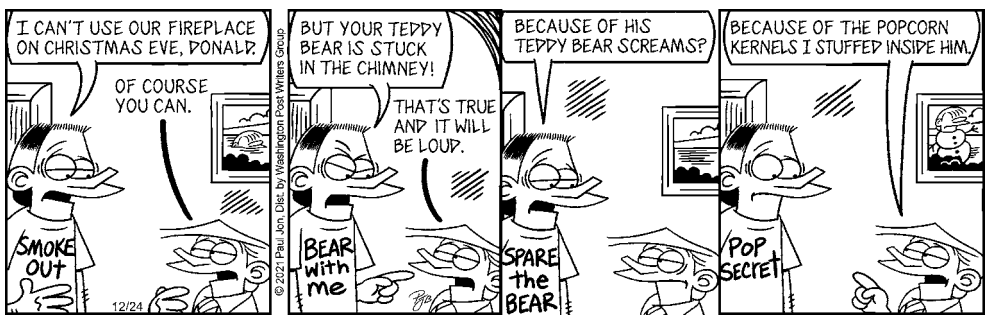
I CAN'T USE OUR FIREPLACE ON CHRISTMAS EVE, DONALD.
OF COURSE YOU CAN.
BUT YOUR TEDDY BEAR IS STUCK IN THE CHIMNEY!
THAT'S TRUE AND IT WILL BE LOUD.
BECAUSE OF HIS TEDDY BEAR SCREAMS?
BECAUSE OF THE POPCORN KERNELS I STUFFED INSIDE HIM.
SMOKE OUT
BEAR with me
SPARE the BEAR
POP SECRET
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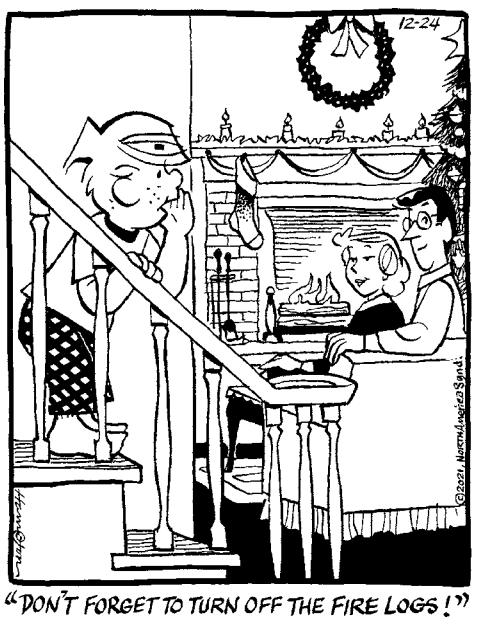
Bil and Jeff Keane
"I won't tell you what it is, Daddy, but I hope your size is a 15 collar with a 33 sleeve."

DENNIS THE MENACE



BABY BLUES

WELL, WE DID IT.
THE KIDS ARE IN BED, AND WE CAN FINALLY GET SOME REST.
HERE'S THE ASSEMBLY STUFF.
SLEEP IS OVERRATED.
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CURTIS

IN THESE TIMES, UNFORTUNATELY, MOST INTERACTIONS ARE DONE ON SCREENS
YOU WERE THERE FOR MICHELLE WHEN SHE REALLY NEEDED SOMEONE
GIVING YOUR TIME IS THE MOST IMPORTANT GIFT THAT DOESN'T COME IN WRAPPING PAPER OR WITH A PRICE TAG
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THAT'S THE TRUE MEANING OF HOLIDAY GIVING!
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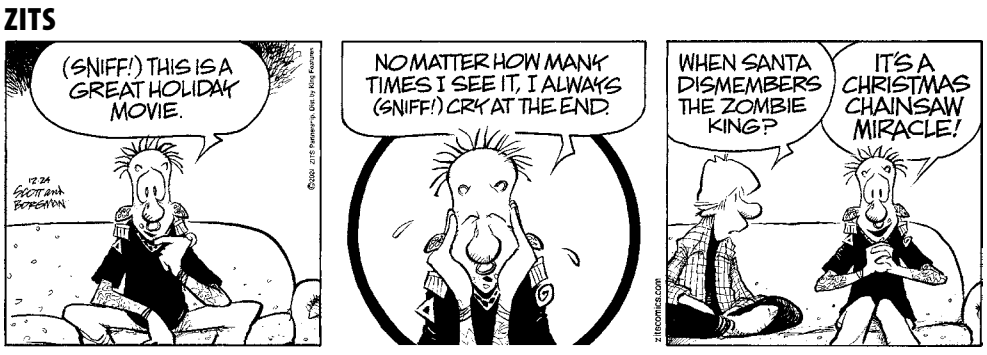
(SNIFF!) THIS IS A GREAT HOLIDAY MOVIE.
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I SEE IT, I ALWAYS (SNIFF!) CRY AT THE END.
WHEN SANTA DISMEMBERS THE ZOMBIE KING?
IT'S A CHRISTMAS CHAINSAW MIRACLE!
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Merry Christmas, readers!

ANNIE **LANE**
DEAR ANNIE

Dear Readers: Below is one of my favorite poems for Christmas. Please enjoy, and wishing all of you and your families a joyous, peaceful and bright holiday season.

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;

The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,

In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds;

While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;

And Mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,

Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap,

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,

I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter.

Away to the window I flew like a flash,

Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,

Gave a lustre of midday to objects below,

When what to my wondering eyes did appear,

But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer,

With a little old driver so lively and quick,

I knew in a moment he must be St. Nick.

More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,

And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name:

"Now, Dasher! Now, Dancer! Now Prancer and Vixen!

On, Comet! On, Cupid! On, Donner and Blitzen!

To the top of the porch! To the top of the wall!

Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"

As leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,

When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky;

So up to the housetop the coursers they flew

With the sleigh full of toys, and St. Nicholas too —

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof

The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.

As I drew in my head, and was turning around,

Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,

And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;

A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,

And he looked like a pedler just opening his pack.

His eyes — how they twinkled! His dimples, how merry!

His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!

His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,

And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow;

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,

And the smoke, it encircled his head like a wreath;

He had a broad face and a little round belly

That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,

And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;

A wink of his eye and a twist of his head

Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,

And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,

And laying his finger aside of his nose,

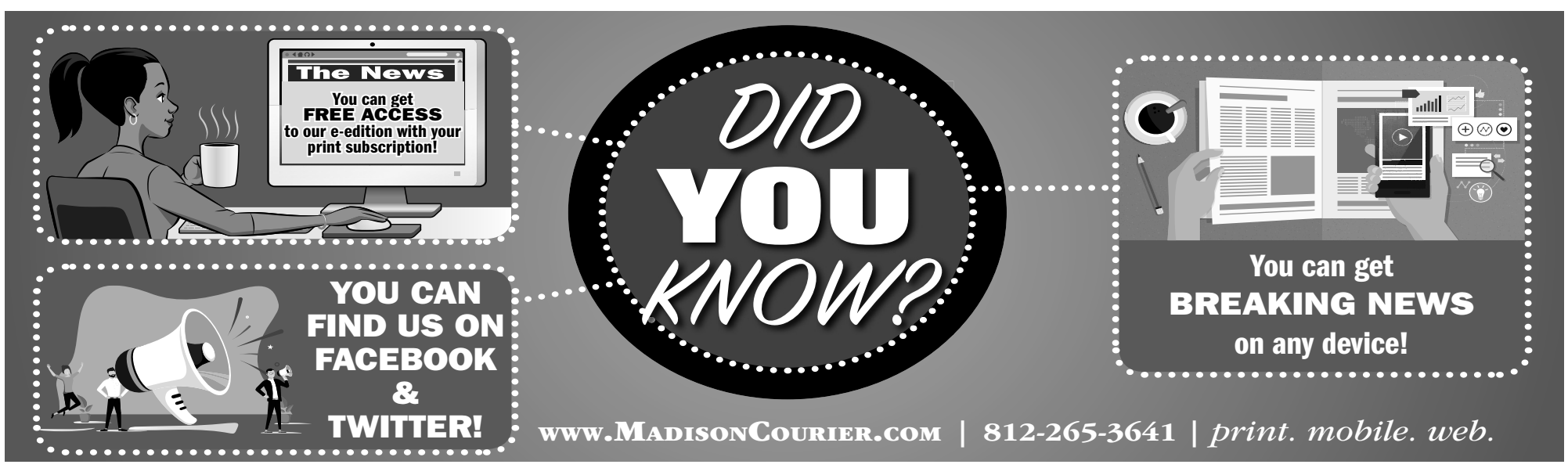
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,

And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.

But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight —

"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"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Colussi retiring as Jefferson County attorney

Magrath hired to begin serving Jan. 1

BY BOB DEMAREE

The final meeting of the year for the Jefferson County Commissioners proved to be one of transition with County Attorney Joe Colussi retiring from that position in order to move to Colorado and be closer to his children.

Joe Colussi
Jefferson County attorney

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation for Colussi's service with gifts and praise for the work he's done for the county while serving as county attorney and announced the hiring of Patrick Magrath as the new county attorney beginning in 2022.

"It's been a pleasure and an honor to serve in this position," said Colussi. "What I've come to learn is a very good appreciation of how difficult it is to run county government" reflecting on all aspects of county government "from employment, to roads, to the Sheriff's office, and the animal shelter. Just all these kind of things you're asked to do and when you think about it as part-time individuals to manage all of that."

Colussi said he's had "a great six or seven years. I've learned an awful lot in this job," adding "it's going to be bittersweet not doing it, but my kids aren't coming back to this area, so I am going to where they are" to be closer to them and his grandchildren.

In addition to appointing Magrath as the new county attorney, the Commissioners made several other appointments including Erica Cline for a one-year term to the Southeastern Indiana Regional Plan Commission (SIRPC); Richard Hill to a four-year term to the Jefferson County Park Board; Becky Law and Nancy Sobeck, both to one-year terms on the Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals; Bob Jacobson, Nick Schultz and Allen Manning, all to four-year terms on the Jefferson County Cemetery Commission; Dr. Robin Waltz to a four-year term on the Jefferson County Board of Health; Lisa Hammock to a four-year term on the Jefferson County Plan Commission; and Jim Kleopfer to a four-year term on the Jefferson County Board of Zoning Appeals.

There were also seven appointments — Heather White, Josh Taylor, Bobby Phillips, Judi Terpening, Kathy Sizemore, Susie Lawrence and Tammy Monroe — for one-year terms to the County Employee Insurance Committee and Kevin Kellems was reappointed to a four-year term as Jefferson County's representative on the Our Southern Indiana Regional Development Authority.

Commissioner board appointments for one year included Bobby Little to the County Employee Insurance Committee and Pauper Attorney Board and Bramer to the Jefferson County Board of Tourism, Southeastern Indiana Solid Waste District Board and 911 Central Dispatch Advisory Board.

In other business:

- Following the 2020 Census, the Commissioners were charged with redistricting for the Commissioner and County Council districts. Based upon Census data for Jefferson County, Bramer said the numbers did not indicate enough change to warrant revising any of the districts, meaning that the districts all will remain the same for the next decade.
- Agreed to support the efforts of Indiana Landmarks to save a two-story house, located at 263 East Main Street in Hanover, that's in extremely poor condition by providing $7,500 for cleanup of the property to make it more presentable for marketing purposes in hopes of finding a buyer who will preserve the house.
- Holly Toler, assistant manager of the Jefferson County Animal Shelter, attended the meeting to relay complaints about personnel issues at the animal shelter. Warren Auxier, who is president of the Jefferson County Humane Society and a member of the Jefferson County Animal Shelter Advisory Board, said incidents involving the shelter were discussed by that board prior to the hiring a new director, but he was not aware of any new issues since Lindsay Stultz-Weyer was recently hired as shelter director. Bramer said the Commissioners will look into Toler's complaints "to see what we can do to help."
- Erica Cline, the county's SIRPC representative, reported on the region's efforts toward becoming more digitally inclusive by providing Internet access to residents who don't currently have that service. County Council member Judy Smith noted, in particular, that Internet is necessary for students in the county's schools.

Pfizer pill becomes first home COVID-19 treatment authorized for use in the U.S.

BY MATTHEW PERRONE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

Patients will need a positive COVID-19 test to get a prescription. And Paxlovid has only proven effective if given within five days of symptoms appearing. With testing supplies stretched, experts worry it may be unrealistic for patients to self-diagnose, get tested, see a physician and pick up a prescription within that narrow window.

WASHINGTON — U.S. health regulators on Wednesday authorized the first pill against COVID-19, a Pfizer drug that Americans will be able to take at home to head off the worst effects of the virus.

The long-awaited milestone comes as U.S. cases, hospitalizations and deaths are all rising and health officials warn of a tsunami of new infections from the omicron variant that could overwhelm hospitals.

The drug, Paxlovid, is a faster way to treat early COVID-19 infections, though initial supplies will be extremely limited. All of the previously authorized drugs against the disease require an IV or an injection.

An antiviral pill from Merck also is expected to soon win authorization. But Pfizer's drug is all but certain to be the preferred option because of its mild side effects and superior effectiveness, including a nearly 90% reduction in hospitalizations and deaths among patients most likely to get severe disease.

"The efficacy is high, the side effects are low and it's oral. It checks all the boxes," said Dr. Gregory Poland of the Mayo Clinic. "You're looking at a 90% decreased risk of hospitalization and death in a high-risk group — that's stunning."

The Food and Drug Administration authorized Pfizer's drug for adults and children ages 12 and older with a positive COVID-19 test and early symptoms who face the highest risks of hospitalization. That includes older people and those with conditions like obesity and heart disease, though the drug is not recommended for patients with severe kidney or liver problems. Children eligible for the drug must weigh at least 88 pounds (40 kilograms).

The pills from both Pfizer and Merck are expected to be effective against omicron because they don't target the spike protein where most of the variant's worrisome mutations reside.

Pfizer currently has 180,000 treatment courses available worldwide, with roughly 60,000 to 70,000 allocated to the U.S. The company said it expects to have 250,000 available in the U.S. by the end of January.

Federal health officials are expected to ration early shipments to the hardest hit parts of the country. Pfizer said the small supply is due to the manufacturing time — currently about nine months. The company says it can halve production time next year.

The U.S. government has agreed to purchase enough Paxlovid to treat 10 million people, and it will be provided free to patients. Pfizer says it's on track to produce 80 million courses globally next year, under contracts with the U.K., Australia and other nations.

President Joe Biden said the pill marks a "significant step forward in our path out of the pandemic" and said his administration will work with states to ensure equitable distribution.

Health experts agree that vaccination remains the best way to protect against COVID-19. But with roughly 40 million American adults still unvaccinated, effective drugs will be critical to blunting the current and future waves of infection.

The U.S. is now reporting more than 140,000 new infections daily and federal officials warn that the omicron variant could send case counts soaring. Omicron has already whipped across the country to become the dominant strain, federal officials confirmed earlier this week.

Against that backdrop, experts warn that Paxlovid's initial impact could be limited.

For more than a year, biotech-engineered antibody drugs have been the go-to treatments for COVID-19. But they are expensive, hard to produce and require an injection or infusion, typically given at a hospital or clinic. Also, laboratory testing suggests the two leading antibody drugs used in the U.S. aren't effective against omicron.

Pfizer's pill comes with its own challenges.

Patients will need a positive COVID-19 test to get a prescription. And Paxlovid has only proven effective if given within five days of symptoms appearing. With testing supplies stretched, experts worry it may be unrealistic for patients to self-diagnose, get tested, see a physician and pick up a prescription within that narrow window.

"If you go outside that window of time I fully expect the effectiveness of this drug is going to fall," said Andrew Pekosz, a Johns Hopkins University virologist.

The FDA based its decision on company results from a 2,250-patient trial that showed the pill cut hospitalizations and deaths by 89% when given to people with mild-to-moderate COVID-19 within three days of symptoms. Less than 1% of patients taking the drug were hospitalized and none died at the end of the 30-day study period, compared with 6.5% of patients hospitalized in the group getting a dummy pill, which included nine deaths.

Pfizer's drug is part of a decades-old family of antiviral drugs known as protease inhibitors, which revolutionized the treatment of HIV and hepatitis C. The drugs block a key enzyme which viruses need to multiply in the human body.

The U.S. will pay about $500 for each course of Pfizer's treatment, which consists of three pills taken twice a day for five days. Two of the pills are Paxlovid and the third is a different antiviral that helps boost levels of the main drug in the body.

Owenton addiction center expanding to house 100 beds

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

OWENTON — A Kentucky addiction treatment center for women is expanding.

Addiction Recovery Care said in a statement that its residential center in Owenton is increasing from 16 beds to nearly 100. The facility provides several services including detoxification, in-house and outpatient treatment and career opportunities for women with substance use disorders, officials said.

"Helping those in recovery find hope is key. Hope motivates people to engage and complete their treatment," ARC CEO Tim Robinson said.

The expansion will also create more jobs. With the added beds, the facility expects to employ nearly 50 full-time staff, officials said.

Navy team to aid hospital overwhelmed by COVID-19

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Federal officials are sending a 23-person U.S. Navy team to Indiana's largest hospital to help relieve staffers exhausted and overwhelmed by a surge in COVID-19 hospitalizations.

The U.S. Army North in San Antonio said Monday that medical personnel from the Navy team, including physicians, nurses and respiratory therapists, will travel to IU Health Methodist Hospital, just north of downtown Indianapolis, at the request of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

The Indiana Department of Health told the Indianapolis Business Journal that the hospital would receive four doctors, 14 nurses, two registered technicians and three administrative staffers.

The hospital's parent, Indiana University Health, had requested staffing assistance from FEMA.

IU Health spokeswoman Lisa Tellus said the Navy team will work at the hospital for 30 days, starting this week, and be integrated into its medical units "in areas of greatest need."

The move comes as Indiana's hospitals have warned that they are running out of beds amid a surge in COVID hospitalizations that has left patient-care workers exhausted.

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as soon as possible. You can schedule your COVID vaccine by visiting www.ourshot.in.gov. All three vaccines are available, Pfizer, Moderna, and Johnson and Johnson. Individual's age 12 — 17 years of age must receive Pfizer vaccine and have an adult present.

In Jefferson County 37,212 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered and 52.94% of the county's residents are vaccinated and 49.05% are fully vaccinated. Switzerland County has administered 8,170 doses of vaccine with 35.59% of residents vaccinated and 32.95% fully vaccinated.

In Carroll County 4,047 residents have been vaccinated for 49.33% with 43.41% fully vaccinated. Meanwhile Trimble County has 4,047 residents vaccinated for 46.86% and 40.29% fully vaccinated.

Those who have been fully vaccinated for six months are now urged to get a follow up booster dose of the vaccine as soon as that can be scheduled.

VMI rebounds from COVID-19 with strong season

BY BOB DEMAREE

Madison's 2021 tourism season began amid challenges and uncertainty — including Visit Madison Inc. — but seems to be finishing strong based on reports presented Monday a VMI's final meeting of the year.

To date, there has been $482,662.35 collected through the county's innkeepers tax, a 55.4% increase over last year when there was a 27% decrease ($310,685.14) after the onset of COVID-19 led cancellation of events and a sharp decline in tourism. This year's receipts — with December numbers still not finalized — are already far above the county's pre-COVID numbers in 2019 when a record $425,682.31 was collected in the final season before the arrival of COVID.

Gary Copeland, who represents County Council on the VMI, said the numbers show the value of VMI's work and leadership and that extends to the many people and organizations that VMI helps to promote Madison.

"It's everybody and the volunteers" that contribute, but "I can't imagine a better performance coming out of this year than I've seen." Copeland said. "It's beyond anyone's imagination that the value of VMI would do this well."

Erin Kindle, coordinator of the Nights Before Christmas Candlelight Tour of Homes, reported a record year for that event with tickets sale totaling 4,087, and topping the previous record of 3,640. "It was a phenomenal year. It was crazy busy but it was really a lot of fun," Kindle said.

She said never before have they sold out of printed tickets. In fact due to shipping delays, she said they were concerned if tickets ordered for the event would arrive in time, and had created a contingency plan in which they worked to create 400 tickets on their own.

However, VMI did receive the tickets that were ordered so, after they were all sold out, Kindle said they also ended up using all the contingency tickets, too.

"The lines were crazy," said Kindle, noting she "took some notes to get it to flow a little better for years to come."

Sarah Prasil, VMI's executive marketing director, said initial data indicates this year's Nights Before Christmas event had a $1 million impact on the local economy.

2021 on track to surpass last year as nation's deadliest

BY MIKE STOBBE
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — U.S. health officials say 2021 is shaping up to be even deadlier than last year.

It's too early to say for sure, since all the death reports for November and December won't be in for many weeks. But based on available information, it seems likely 2021 will surpass last year's record number of deaths by at least 15,000, said Robert Anderson, who oversees the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's death statistics.

Last year was the most lethal in U.S. history, due largely to the COVID-19 pandemic. A CDC report being released Wednesday shows 2020 was actually even worse than the agency previously reported.

The report presents a final tally for last year of about 3.384 million U.S. deaths, about 25,000 more than a provisional count released earlier this year. Such jumps between provisional and final numbers are common, but 2020's difference was higher than usual because of a lag in death records from some states that switched to new electronic reporting systems, Anderson said.

The CDC this week also revised its estimate of life expectancy for 2020. Life expectancy at birth that year was 77 years, a decrease of 1.8 years from 2019. The agency previously estimated the decline at 1.5 years.

Anderson said it's likely that the nation will see more than 3.4 million deaths in 2021. Other experts said they think deaths for the year will end up either about the same as in 2020, or higher.

"It's really sad," said Ali Mokdad, a mortality statistics expert at the University of Washington.

A large reason is COVID-19, which hit the U.S. hard around March 2020 and became the nation's No. 3 cause of death, behind heart disease and cancer.

Last year, COVID-19 was the underlying cause in about 351,000 deaths. This year, the number is already at 356,000, and the final tally could hit 370,000, Anderson said.

Experts also think the 2021 numbers will be affected by a drug overdose epidemic that is expected to — for the first time — surpass 100,000 deaths in a calendar year.

An increase in annual deaths is not unusual. The annual count rose by nearly 16,000 from 2018 to 2019 — before COVID-19 appeared.

But the coronavirus clearly had an impact. The nation had the smallest population gain rate in history between July 2020 and July 2021, primarily because of the COVID-19 deaths, said Kenneth Johnson, a University of New Hampshire researcher.

Officials had hoped COVID-19 vaccines would slash the death count. But vaccinations became available gradually this year, with only 7 million fully vaccinated at the end of January and 63 million at the end of March.

Since then, many Americans have chosen not to get vaccinated. The CDC says 204 million Americans are fully vaccinated — or about 65% of the U.S. population that are age 5 and older and eligible for shots.

Indeed, that's a big part of why COVID-19 deaths could climb despite the availability of effective vaccines, Mokdad said. The appearance of new, more transmissible variants of the coronavirus only made the problem worse, he added.

RODEO

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at tourism capacity, he doesn't want to take a chance on losing the opportunity for Jefferson County to host the rodeo in future years.

Crafton's motion to appropriate $25,000 for the rodeo venture was approved unanimously by JCBT with the stipulation that the organizers coordinate with Visit Madison Inc. in promoting the event and that after 2022 the event would be scheduled on a weekend different than Chautauqua.

Board member Nancy Crisp also suggested preparing local businesses for "the capacity that we haven't seen before" to help provide the best customer experience possible that weekend.

The event, to be held in association with the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA), has been in negotiations to hold the event at the Jefferson County 4-H Fairgrounds. One issue considered at the November meeting is that beer is typically sold at rodeos, and traditionally alcohol sales have not been permitted at the 4-H fairgrounds. JCBT board member Curtis Chatham said the fairgrounds recently changed its policy to allow alcohol at the rodeo event.

"The fair board was extremely excited about the opportunity to have the rodeo there, and all the things that come with it," Chatham said.

Board member Todd Boone said one of the big benefits of hosting the rodeo in Jefferson County is the local exposure from the event being broadcast on the Cowboy Channel.

In other business:

• Lucy Dattilo, president of the Visit Madison Inc. board, presented VMI's proposed 2022 budget and contract to JCBT, including a request to once again fund an executive director's position that VMI has been without since laying off Tawana Thomas in February. Dattilo said the proposed salary for a new executive director is between $60,000 to $75,000 annually.

Dattilo noted that as president of VMI she has been "holding down the fort, but I am very much part-time" and as a volunteer cannot compensate for the loss of a full-time staff position.

"The tourism industry needs an advocate. It needs somebody to be the glue to represent the county, to go to state functions. I have not been able to do that," she said.

Dattilo encouraged the board to strongly consider funding an executive director because that's "a very important part that's missing" in the tourism marketing of Jefferson County.

• The Town of Hanover made a request for $40,500 toward enhancing and building a community website that goes beyond providing a way to pay bills and publish town council minutes to one that promotes community events and activities along with parks activities. The town will also seeking additional funds from other sources to match that amount for an overall total of $81,000.

JCBT members expressed support for the project, but suggested ways Hanover might be able to reduce the cost of creating the website. Chatham said he thinks JCBT wants to invest in the project but board members want to work with the town to develop list of needs and seek more competitive pricing to creating a robust Hanover website.

"I think it would benefit everyone for us to upgrade our website to be more user friendly" and to provide for much more community information, particularly as Hanover works toward creating a soccer facility and many more activities," said Kenny Garrett, president of the Hanover Town Board. "It's a huge step for us."

"We're trying to build tourism in Hanover because our little businesses need the money," Hanover Town Board member Debbie Kroger said.

Sarah Prasil, executive marketing director for Visit Madison Inc., said she agrees on the importance of the website as a marketing tool and noted VMI just updated its website for a lesser amount. However, since Hanover is starting from scratch the project is likely to cost more.

• Chatham provided an update on the Madison-Hanover Sports Council of Jefferson County, the newly created organization to promote sports tourism and better utilize local sports facilities. He said the group has identified six sports events that could be implemented immediately without having to invest in infrastructure based on existing facilities in the county. They include events involving baseball, softball, basketball, archery, volleyball and soccer.

Chatham said the group's website is currently being updated by an intern.

FUNDING

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Commissioner Bobby Little has said he does not feel comfortable providing 40% of the county's $6.2 million ARP money for the project because contributing that much is not good business.

"I think we need to help," Little said. "None of us three (Commissioners) are not in agreement of helping out, it's just a question what is a reasonable, realistic amount."

Bramer has indicated that for now they are focusing on the first half of the county's draw on the ARP money, which will be $3.1 million.

Madison City Council member Patrick Thevenow asked if the Commissioners would consider committing $1.25 million from that first draw, then $1.25 million from the second draw of ARP funds.

"I'd like to see the county step up and help with a major infrastructure project which will prevent long-term issues coming up," Thevenow said. "There is no doubt that our water is safe" at this time "but long term we will have to stay on top of this, which hasn't necessarily happened in the past, but we're here now asking for your help" by doing something impactful with the ARP funds.

On Monday, the city released information at its Board of Public Works and Safety meeting that a review by accountants at Sherman, Barber and Mullikin determined the city's water rates will increase by 77.9% if the city borrows $13 million for the $15 million project. If the county receives $2.5 million from the county, the city would borrow $10.5 million, dropping that rate increase to 67.9% and creating a savings of $182,734 per year, which over the 20-year period of the load would result in $3.7 million in savings directly to customers.

County Council member Ray Black Jr. said Madison's clean drinking water infrastructure project is critical for the community to have water that is "as clean and safe as possible" while limiting how the water rate increase will impact customers in the City of Madison and the Rykers' Ridge, Dupont and Canaan water company districts that buy their water from Madison.

Jackson noted that 20,000 county residents are impacted by Madison water. Black said the county providing $2.5 million toward the project provides the best economic value to county residents while also insuring the safety of clean drinking water for the future.

Bramer, the president of the Commissioners, said he wanted to see more of an investment from the city toward the project but County Council President Pam Crozier said she believes the city is investing. She pointed out the city is utilizing most of its $2.4 million in ARP funds for stormwater infrastructure to mitigate future flash flooding disasters.

"We are a county and we need to come together as a county and work towards the taxpayer," Crozier said. "If we can utilize the funds for the county taxpayer as a whole, it's clean water drinking water project and we have to think collectively as a whole, not just compartmentalize county against city, and work together collectively." Crozier noted a $3.7 million savings in debt service from a $2.5 million county contribution more than pays for itself.

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney said the city has been discussing the drinking water infrastructure project with the Commissioners for eight months, and that it's been a complicated rate study to complete "because there are a lot of moving parts," and one of those is how much the city must borrow to finance the project and what water rates will be required to repay that money.

"The fact that there's been so much difficulty in getting a level of commitment, even a soft commitment to what that may be, makes the completion of the new rate study very difficult," Courtney said, adding the project must begin in January and the city has already committed money toward preliminary engineering work.

He added that it's been 20 years since the city invested in drinking water infrastructure, and the project is vital to the future health of the communities served by the city's water.

"What's more impactful than drinking water for 20,000 residents of Jefferson County?" Courtney asked. "We're talking about 800 millions gallons of water that our community needs for safe drinking water and for fire suppression. I cannot think of anything more important than to use these ARP monies for stormwater and safe drinking water infrastructure."

However, Warren Auxier noted that Madison's water rates are currently low enough that the project should be passed on customers through a rate increase, preserving the county's $2.5 million to do other good in the county.

Citing his knowledge of the water issue from 37 years as a director and treasurer for Kent Water Company, Auxier said Madison has been "way too low on its water rates for a great number of years." Based on his calculations, a $2.5 million contribution from the county would only save water users from Canaan, Dupont and Rykers' Ridge about $7.68 yearly which he said amounts to just 64 cents on each monthly bill.

Courtney said the savings will impact all water users — from those who may only require the monthly minimum to businesses and industries that buy 50,000 gallons or more per month — and that it's misleading to equate the county's entire benefits to a single user.

"If county doesn't participate at all, this project will go right on through and what they have to raise the water rates to is a very reasonable and competitive rate," Auxier said. "They are still going to be way lower than what the state average is on water rates."

Auxier noted a Madison customer using 5,000 gallons per month will see an increase to $25.30 monthly — plus or minus 10 to 15% for water losses — and the state average for that amount of water is $36.37.

"(Madison) has been way low on its rates for many years and has allowed maintenance to accumulate that should have been addressed," Auxier said, noting periodic rates increases could have supported better upkeep and drinking water infrastructure improvement.

Meeting with Madison City Council earlier Tuesday night, Jackson said calculating the individual impact of the water rate increase is difficult because the city has a four tiered rate structure so some customers could be impacted more than others. However, he did agree that Madison utilities customers are getting great value for their money because most customers pay less for all services — water, sewage, trash, recycling and composting — than customers in many communities pay for water alone.

Jackson noted that a City of Madison water customer using the 3,000 gallon monthly minimum pays $7.11 for water alone while customers of the same amount in Greensburg pay $27.63 and Scottsburg $36.48, but Madison's last rate increase was in 2008 leaving no surplus for major improvements.

He said that has to stop so the rate increase for the water project could prove significant because there will likely be additional rate increases moving forward because — and as Auxier later suggested — the city needs to adopt a rate structure that provides capital for ongoing improvement projects and that means rate increases more frequently and a closer attention to factors like inflation.

"Nobody adjust rates once every 14 years," Jackson told city council.

County Council member Heather Foy said it's not fair to "penalize past administrations and decisions that have been made or not made in decades past. Yes, we do have clean water today," but she's thinking about the future and what might be "decades from now. So I do applaud the city for thinking big picture knowing today, and yes tomorrow that we'll have clean water."

Gary Copeland said he's "looking out for the taxpayers and I don't want anything raised" for county residents.

"With the full support of city council and our board of public works, we presented to the joint County Commissioners and County Council meeting last night a plan to save Jefferson County residents $3.7 million in water rate increases," Courtney said. "At a time when inflation is at a 30-year high, we feel it's important to help residents economically. Despite not receiving a material commitment from the County Commissioners, we will continue to finalize our rate study and keep them informed of the impact from higher rates, which will be particularly felt by county residents outside the city who buy their water through a county water utility such as Rykers' Ridge, Dupont and Canaan."

As the meeting neared a conclusion, Bramer asked for assistance from the County Council in establishing guidelines for applications from non-profits for any money that might come from ARP funds. Crozier agreed the Council would work on that at its January meeting.

Hale retiring after 43 years with Madison Railroad

CEO recognized at Tuesday's city council meeting

BY MARK CAMPBELL

Mayor Bob Courtney and Madison City Council held their final meeting of 2021 on Tuesday and, among other business, recognized the city's newest police officer as well as a retiring top officer of the city's port authority who has been on the job for parts of five decades.

Megan Kloss

Cathy Hale, chief executive officer of the Madison Railroad and the top staff member at the City of Madison Port Authority, is retiring on Dec. 31, after 43 years with the municipal railway. She started with Madison Railroad in 1978 soon after the city took over the 25-mile line from Madison to North Vernon and has served in that capacity ever since.

Courtney said Hale's years on the job has made her knowledgeable about the railroad — and port authority — like no other.

Hale said she started during the administration of former mayor Dr. Warren R. Rucker and has served during seven administrations since then, some requiring a transitional period to get to know each other.

"It starts out maybe a little bit rocky because I'm like a mother bear protecting her cub — and Mayor Courtney was no different— but today I can say we are friends," Hale said. "Two years ago I might have faced a firing squad up here but we're parting friends. We've come to learn and know each other and respect each other. I'd like to thank you for the role you've played."

Hale, who has a staff of seven and a board of seven members that will soon be reduced to five, said the volunteers on the Port Authority board are a big key to the operation's success and survival over the decades.

"None of us could have done it without the terrific board members," she said. "Most of all I'd like to recognize Spence Schnaitter, who is no longer with us and passed away about a year ago. Spence was responsible for passing the legislation that gave us the port authority. He had the foresight, along with Dr. Rucker and some of the others, to save the railroad."

Hale said the railroad's move to the former Jefferson Proving Ground was a pivotal time as well because the facilities there, rail lines and equipment put the railroad "in the black instead of in the red" and on a more stable course that now includes construction of a new $5.5 million bridge in northern Jefferson County that will serve the community for years to come.

Courtney thanked Hale for her continued support of the railroad and port authority — she will continue to serve as a consultant — and noted the railroad and port authority make Madison a unique community.

"I look forward to the continued development of our railroad and the contribution they make to our local economy," Courtney said. "For the size of our community, to have a railroad, to have a board of aviation, to have a parks system that is as comprehensive as ours, I think is just fantastic for the quality of life we have here but also the economic development that it brings to our community is critical to support our industry, businesses and tourism. It's one of those things that make Madison very unique."

Meanwhile, Courtney also issued the oath of office to Madison Police Department Officer Megan Kloss, who started work in August and recently completed the police academy and is now training with a department field officer. Kloss is a former correctional officer who was a ranking officer and instructor there before coming to MPD.

"There's no better way to end a very productive year than to swear in a new City of Madison police officer or to recognize the contributions from a long-term city employee," Courtney said. "Megan Kloss is beginning her career and Cathy Hale is winding down but both are important to the success of our community and we are grateful. The Mayor's office and City Council worked well together to bring great solutions for the city and next year will be no exception."

In other business, the council:

- Approved a number of board appointments by the city council and mayor including Jim Bartlett and Curtis Chatham to the Jefferson County Board of Tourism; Lucy Dattilo to the Visit Madison Inc. Board; and Bartlett to the PACE Committee, all by the council.

In addition, the mayor made four reappointments — Tony Schroeder, Jessica McAlister, Bill Johnson and Katy Hadley — to the Human Relations Commission as approved by the council. Courtney had previously named Phil Kahn and Carla Krebs to the Parks Board.

- Heard a request by Dave Adams asking residents to turn on their porch lights at night for better security because there has been an increase in the number of transient and homeless persons walking the streets in Madison and some are apparently "checking doors and not afraid to walk into anybody's home."

"They are brazen and you need to lock your doors," Adams warned.

Madison Police Chief John Wallace said he had no numbers on the number of homeless currently in Madison but that "those who are breaking the law are going to jail" and his department has "zero tolerance for break-ins." Wallace urged residents to be careful and contact police if they have any problems.

- Heard a report by Courtney that his administration plans to hire a full-time code enforcement officer after the first of the year and fill the executive director's vacancy in the city's office of economic development.

He also noted that some progress is starting to be made on the former shopping center property at Michigan Road and Clifty Drive, mainly to clean up the lot and make it more presentable to investors as the city continues working to market that site for development. Courtney said residents should see even more progress "very shortly."

- Approved 12 resolutions to reconcile several balances in various budget line items where either more or less money was spent than budgeted.

Mark Campbell

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney is shown with retiring Madison Railroad CEO Cathy Hale at Tuesday's meeting of Madison City Council. Hale will retire on Dec. 31 after 43 years.

Holiday closings

Jefferson County government offices and government offices in the City of Madison and Town of Hanover will be closed today and Friday, Dec 23-24, for the Christmas holiday.

Offices at all three local governmental facilities will reopen on Monday, Dec. 27. They will also be closed on Friday, Dec. 31, for the New Year's holiday and reopen on Monday, Jan. 3, 2022.

City of Madison garbage pickup will run today on its regular schedule.

Holiday hours and days for the City of Madison Transfer Station are: 8 a.m. to noon today and then closed on Friday, Dec. 24 and Saturday, Saturday, Dec. 25 as well as closed on Friday, Dec. 31 and Saturday, Jan. 1.

The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles office is closed today for Washington's Birthday and Friday and Saturday, Dec. 24 and 25 for Christmas as well as again on Friday, Dec. 31 and Saturday, Jan 1.

The US Post Office in Madison will be open from 8:30 a.m. to noon on Friday, Dec. 24 but closed on Saturday Dec. 25 and Saturday, Jan 1.

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Shawe boys hammer Cannelton

Tuesday's victory 4th in 5 games

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Shawe Memorial got off to a great start and cruised from there, hammering Cannelton 71-38 at home in boys basketball on Tuesday.

The Hilltoppers, who have won four out of five games for the first time since the 2014-15 season, were dominating on both ends of the floor. Jack Grote led three players in double figures with 21 points and Shawe forced 21 turnovers while holding Cannelton to just 34% shooting for the game.

It was a combination that brought a smile to assistant coach Phil Kahn's face.

"We still haven't reached our potential offensively but I thought we were a little bit closer tonight," said Kahn, who is still subbing for head coach Dan Hambrick, who is shrugging off the effects of COVID. "We did get a lot of open looks that rimmed out, rolled out and layups that we missed, but we're getting there and I think if we can ever get (Philip) Kahn, (Jack) Grote, (Wyatt) Nichter and (Eli) Turner clicking on offense, then we can put up 70 points a night against some better teams."

Shawe's offense was clicking from the opening tip. The Hilltoppers rolled out to a 20-4 lead after the first quarter and scored 20 more points in the second to blitz on top 40-20 at halftime. Another 14-3 run in the third quarter turned the game into a rout.

Shawe's offense fed off its defense for its most efficient game of the season. The Hilltoppers had 17 assists on 26 made baskets while turning the ball over just 10 times on the night.

"We got a little sloppy in the second half but for this group to have 17 assists is really good to see," Kahn said. "I thought even though all the shots didn't go down, we shared the ball really well. We got better looks with another passer too and I was really happy with that and I know coach Hambrick it will be too."

Grote was a force all night, scoring 21 points on 9-of-16 shooting while also grabbing six rebounds, dishing out five assists and recording four steals. Kahn had 19 points while Nichter scored 14 points. Jacob Hertz had only one point but he pulled down nine rebounds and had three assists.

The win was a far from Monday night when the Hilltoppers suffered a 68-25 loss at home to South Ripley. Shawe trailed only 13-7 after the first quarter but then fell behind 44-12 by halftime.

"We started OK last night, but just couldn't couldn't sustain it," Kahn said. "We talked a lot about us getting stronger to play against those top notch teams and that's something we've just got to work on. And, but I do think they're getting used to it."

Phil Kahn scored eight points to lead Shawe against the Raiders while Nichter and Sam Fewell each had six points.

Shawe, now 4-3 overall and 0-2 in the Ohio River Valley Conference, returns to action on Tuesday, Jan. 4 when the Hilltoppers host Borden.

David Campbell

Shawe's Jack Grote (10) drives around Cannelton's Trevor Hale during the Hilltoppers' win on Tuesday in Madison.

Shawe girls roll over Cannelton from the outset in 60-20 rout

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

Shawe coach Terry King didn't want his Hilltoppers to take Cannelton lightly and was hoping they would come out strong in their matchup on Tuesday. He got his wish.

The Hilltoppers roared out of the gate, scoring on eight of their first nine possessions and rolling to an easy 60-20 win at home.

Ava Turner scored a career-high 27 points and Harlee Hill had an impressive double-double of 13 points and 16 rebounds as the Hilltoppers attacked from start to finish while improving to 5-5 on the season.

"Like I told the girls, it makes a big difference when you can make shots and we just haven't shot the ball well lately," King said. "We got here a little early went over a couple things. I was really pleased with everybody tonight."

Shawe blitzed the Bulldogs from the opening gate. Although the Hilltoppers didn't press, their aggressive half-court defense led to turnover after turnover, and nearly each was converted into easy baskets on the other end.

The Hilltoppers jumped out to a 16-0 lead and held a 22-2 advantage after the first quarter. While the second quarter wasn't as well-played — the two teams combined for just nine points — the game was already all but over.

The big reason for Shawe's early dominance was its defense on Cannelton's high-scoring guard Kendall Hale. The 6-foot-2 junior came into the game averaging 22.2 points per game, but was held scoreless in the first half as the Hilltoppers' box-and-one defense swarmed her every time she got near the ball.

"I was really pleased with the effort on their scorer. She had trouble even getting the shot off," King said. "If we can learn to do that box and play that against good teams, it might come in handy in the sectional. We did a great job of face guarding her and keeping the ball away from her."

Leading 28-5 after the half, Shawe blew open the game in the third quarter with a 20-5 run that triggered the running clock and then cruised from there.

Overall, the Hilltoppers hit just 40% of their shots from the floor on the night, but they took twice as many attempts as Cannelton (62 to 31) and knocked down nine 3-pointers. Turner was 5-of-11 from behind the arc while going 11-for-23 overall while Allison Knoebel was 3-of-7 from long range for 15 points. Hill also had six steals to go with her monster double-double.

David Campbell

Shawe's Ava Turner (3) fires a 3-pointer over two Cannelton players during the Hilltoppers' win at home on Tuesday.

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Shawe ends the 2021 portion of its schedule at 5-5, and not including last year's COVID-shortened campaign, it marks the first time the Hilltoppers have hit Jan. 1 at .500 or better since the 2015-16 season.

King has been pleased with his team's progress so far this season and is looking for an even better 2022.

"This team reminds me a little bit of the team two years ago. I think we went into the Christmas break like 1-8 but then won seven or eight more in January," King said. "That team was kind of young, too, and we just started to gel over over Christmas and started to win in the second half of the season. I'm not pleased with the way we play sometimes but I'm really pleased with the way they're starting to buy in. I'm pretty happy with them but we've got a long way to go and they know that. But winning makes it a lot more fun."

Shawe opens its January slate on Monday, Jan. 3 when it hosts Christian Academy of Madison.

DNR properties offer First Day Hikes

DNR Indiana Department of Natural Resources

Usher in 2022 with other outdoor lovers at one of the many First Day Hikes offered Jan. 1 at Indiana's state parks, forests, and lakes.

First Day Hikes are a healthy way to start 2022 and a chance to get outside, exercise, enjoy nature and connect with friends. Nearly all state parks and lakes, as well as some state forests, will offer hikes. Find a hike near you at on.IN.gov/INstateparkevents.

The guided hikes are organized by Indiana State Parks in cooperation with America's State Parks. First Day Hikes will take place in all 50 states. First Day Hikes originated more than 20 years ago at the Blue Hills Reservation, a state park in Milton, Massachusetts. The program was launched to foster healthy lifestyles and promote year-round recreation at state parks. For more information, visit America's State Parks' website (stateparks.org) or facebook.com/Americas-State-Parks-205324976548604.

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First Day events for nearby properties are listed below. Check the website for complete listing.

• **Charlestown State Park —** Meet at the Trail 3 and 4 parking lot at 10 a.m. for a 2.5-mile, two-hour hike to Rose Island. The hike is considered moderately rugged.

• **Clifty Falls State Park —** Meet at the Clifty Shelter at 2 p.m. for a two-hour moderately rugged hike along Trail 8. This trail meanders along the west side of Clifty Creek and offers scenic views of the canyon below. Water and cookies will be provided before the hike. The restroom at Clifty Shelter will be closed for the winter, so plan ahead.

Falls of the Ohio State Park — Meet at the Interpretive Center at 2 p.m. to hike the fossil beds and learn about Devonian sea life. Bring binoculars to look for winter birds. The Interpretive Center will be closed on Jan. 1 except for restrooms.

• **Hardy Lake —** Meet at the Main Trailhead across from the beach access road at 9 a.m. for a 2.75-mile, one-hour hike.

• **Jackson-Washington State Forest —** Meet at the parking lot below the CCC playground at noon at start of Trail 1, just before the Pinnacle Shelter, for a 2-mile, one-hour hike to Pinnacle Peak.

Versailles State Park — Meet at the Oak Grove parking lot at 1 p.m. for a 2.5-mile moderately difficult hike on Trail 1. Refreshments will be provided.

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LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

Thursday, Dec. 23

BASKETBALL

Carroll Co. girls vs. Pineville, Arby's KFC Classic at McCreary Central, TBA
Madison, Southwestern, Switzerland Co. boys, JCIT at Madison, TBA
Trimble Co. girls, Assumption Christmas Tournament, TBD
Madison girls vs. Winchester, Connersville Invitational, 10:30 a.m.
Carroll Co. boys vs. Bishop Brossart, Swauger Classic at Bellevue, 1:15 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 24

BASKETBALL

Carroll Co. boys, Swauger Holiday Classic at Bellevue, TBA

Monday, Dec. 27

BASKETBALL

CAM boys, Columbus Holiday Tournament, TBA
Trimble Co. girls vs. Washington Co., Don Franklin Classic at Cumberland Co., 2 p.m.
Shawe boys host Crothersville, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 28

BASKETBALL

CAM boys, Columbus Holiday Tournament, TBA
Southwestern girls, Toby Yoho Classic at Eastern (Greene), TBA
Carroll Co. boys vs. Thomas Nelson, Fuller Ford Classic at Pendleton Co., 6 p.m.

Switzerland rallies following scoreless 1st to beat Batesville

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Switzerland County rallied from a scoreless first quarter to knock off Batesville 36-33 in girls basketball at home on Tuesday.

The Pacers trailed 9-0 after the first quarter but cut the margin to 17-15 by the halftime break and 22-20 after three quarters. Switzerland then outscore the Bulldogs 16-11 in the fourth to score the win.

Jessie Duvall scored 16 points to give her 862 in her career and move past Kristen Perry into seventh place on the school's career scoring list. She also had four assists.

Courtney Higgins had eight points and four deflections while Maddie Duvall had seven points and six steals. Halle Archer chipped in five points.

Switzerland, now 11-2 on the season, travels to Oldenburg on Wednesday, Dec. 29.

Switzerland County senior Maddie Duvall (left) with the game ball presented to her by her mother, Christy, on Tuesday after recently breaking Christy's career record for 3-pointers.

Submitted Photo

Hanover men split pair on Michigan road trip

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Hanover men's basketball split a pair of games on its road trip to Michigan earlier this week.

The Panthers knocked off Kalamazoo 85-59 on Monday but then fell 91-87 to Olivet on Tuesday.

Hanover started out quickly in its win over Kalamazoo, jumping out to a 47-24 lead at halftime. Ty Houston and Max Greenamoyer each had 14 points to lead the Panthers while Matt Munoz scored 13 and Isaac Hibbard had 10 points, 11 rebounds and six assists.

Hanover trailed throughout the game with Olivet and a late surge fell short. Greenamoyer had 19 points for the Panthers, Houston scored 15 and Munoz had 14.

Hanover, now 7-2 on the season, will not play again until after the holiday break. The Panthers host Mount St. Joseph on Wednesday, Jan. 5.

Southwestern defense smothers Clarksville offense in 47-21 win

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Southwestern's defense held Clarksville in check all game and the Rebels pulled away for a 47-21 girls basketball win Tuesday in Hanover.

The Rebels scored the first five points of the game and never looked back, leading 13-6 after the first quarter and 24-11 at halftime as Southwestern ended a five-game losing streak.

"We only had two problems tonight; We struggled in the third quarter again and we gave away too many second chance shots for Clarksville. But this time, we struggled in the fourth quarter, but came back in the last minute of that quarter and won it," Southwestern coach Brian Crank said. "Everyone who dressed got to play and gave us good minutes. It was a much-needed win for these girls and they all deserve it. They have been through a lot this year, and they keep fighting."

Ashley Fulton scored a career-high 23 points and also had six rebounds and two assists to lead the Rebels. Emma Long had eight points and seven rebounds, Syrenia Hardy scored six points, Parker Mefford had four points and seven rebounds, and Riley Scroggins had four points, seven rebounds and four assists.

Southwestern, now 4-10 on the season, returns to action on Tuesday, Dec. 28, when it competes in the Toby Yoho Classic at Eastern (Greene).

Colts stick to proven formula to maintain position for playoff berth

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts coach Frank Reich challenged his players to show everyone they were more than just a playoff contender.

Saturday's impressive victory over New England proved the Colts were postseason worthy.

Now comes the hard part — doing it each of the next two weeks against foes with playoff hopes.

"There's a lot of belief and a lot of conviction in we have the guys, we have the coaches, we have the process," Reich said Sunday. "If that's really true, then we'll play our best football in November and December. We'll keep getting better, we'll learn from our mistakes, and we'll play our best football in November and December."

The Colts certainly have been on top of their game lately. Since starting 1-4, they've won seven of nine. Both losses came at home, in overtime to AFC South-leading Tennessee and in the final minute against defending Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay. Both also came after Indy blew second-half leads.

But if the Colts replicate what they did against New England over the next two weeks, at Arizona and at home against Las Vegas, they will finish the regular season at Jacksonville with, perhaps, a playoff spot already locked up.

Indy rebounded from its sluggish start by following a proven formula.

Jonathan Taylor is running away with the league's rushing title. The closest contender to Taylor, who has 1,518 yards, is Joe Mixon of Cincinnati at 1,094. Taylor also leads the league with 19 touchdowns with the most recent being a 67-yard scoring run that sealed the 27-17 victory over the Patriots with 2:01 left.

Defensively, the Colts continue to lead the league with a plus-14 turnover margin and are tied with Dallas for the most takeaways (31).

Add an offensive line that has allowed 94 sacks since 2018, and a team gaining more confidence by the week and the Colts are primed to continue ascending.

All they must do now is demonstrate Saturday's victory was no fluke.

WHAT'S WORKING

Punt blocks. Indy has blocked two punts in its past five games and linebacker E.J. Speed returned both for touchdowns. He's the first NFL player to achieve the feat since Baltimore safety Ed Reed in 2003 — and there are still three games remaining.

WHAT NEEDS HELP

Passing game. While Taylor has shown he can carry a hefty-sized workload, the Colts probably need Carson Wentz to be more effective through the air than he was against New England. He was 5 of 12 for 57 yards with one TD and one interception Saturday.

STOCK UP

Taylor. The second-year running back has topped the 100-yard mark eight times in 11 games and showed just how dynamic he can be Saturday. If Taylor has a scoring run in his 12th consecutive game Saturday, he'll break Lenny Moore's franchise record. He needs two total TDs to break the Hall of Famer's single-season franchise mark (20), which was set in 1964.

STOCK DOWN

Michael Pittman Jr. His productivity has been fine. But after Pats safety Kyle Dugger ripped off Pittman's helmet, the two were involved in a scuffle that led to the ejection of both.

Without Pittman, Indy struggled to preserve the 20-0 lead it built before he was tossed. Pittman is Indy's top receiver and he can't afford to lose his composure.

KENTUCKY HS BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

Trimble girls can't contain Highlands' size

Raiders suffer 56-36 defeat at Assumption Christmas Tournament

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Trimble County couldn't match up with Highlands' size and dropped a 56-36 girls basketball decision Tuesday as part of the Assumption Christmas Tournament.

Six-foot-three Marissa Green scored 22 of her 26 points in the first half as Assumption ran out to a 37-12 lead at halftime. All but two of Green's points came from the floor as she ran roughshod over the smaller Raiders.

"We just could not match up with her. We are working on better pressure on the perimeter and forcing teams to the left side of the floor. We show signs of getting better in our efforts but aren't there quite yet," Trimble County coach Kerrie Stewart said. "Offensively, we hit 10 threes tonight. That is a positive, but we must continue to improve our ball movement against the zone."

All but six of Trimble's points came from the 3-point line with Payton Butters knocking down three 3s for a team-high nine points. Addison Edmondson scored eight points while Gracie Jent and Danielle Craig scored six each.

Trimble, now 1-7 on the season, faced Great Crossing in the consolation bracket of the tournament on Wednesday and wraps up the tournament today. The Raiders then play in the Don Franklin Classic at Cumberland County starting on Monday, Dec. 27.

TRIMBLE BOYS SPLIT AT IROQUOIS

Trimble County boys basketball split its first two games in the Iroquois Invitational earlier this week.

The Raiders lost 79-53 to host Iroquois on Monday but then knocked off Kentucky Country Day 70-65 on Tuesday.

Tate Ogburn had 16 points and nine rebounds to lead Trimble against Iroquois while Hunter Kelly scored 13 points, James Thomas Wilcoxson had eight and Dalton Penick scored seven.

Penick scored 23 points in the Raiders' win over KCD while Ogburn had 17 points and nine rebounds, Wilcoxson scored 14 and Ethan Horn had 10.

Trimble, now 3-7 on the season, wrapped up the Iroquois Invitational on Wednesday against the Christian Educational Consortium. The Raiders then face off against Bishop Brossart in the Henry County Invitational on Tuesday, Dec. 28.

CARROLL GIRLS WIN ONE AT MCCREARY

Carroll County girls basketball opened the Arby's/KFC Classic at McCreary Central with a split in its first two games earlier this week.

The Panthers defeated host McCreary Central 55-43 in the opener on Monday but then dropped a 64-60 decision to Danville Christian on Tuesday.

Carroll, now 3-6 on the season, faced off against Wayne County on Wednesday and then wraps up the tournament with a game against Pineville today. The Panthers' next game will be Jan. 4 at Eminence.

CARROLL BOYS FALL AT BELLEVUE

Carroll County boys basketball opened the Swauger Holiday Classic at Bellevue with a 65-62 loss to host Bellevue on Tuesday.

The Panthers, now 0-9 on the season, faced off against Lloyd Memorial on Wednesday and play Bishop Brossart today before wrapping up the tournament on Friday. Carroll then competes in the Fuller Ford Phillip Wood Classic at Pendelton County starting on Tuesday, Dec. 28.

Record 27 NFL teams remain in hunt with 3 weeks left

BY JOSH DUBOW
AP PRO FOOTBALL WRITER

While no team has clinched a postseason spot in the jam-packed AFC, there never have been more teams alive in the playoff hunt this late in a season.

Only Chicago, Detroit, Jacksonville, Houston and the New York Jets have been eliminated so far, with 27 teams still with at least a sliver of a postseason chance, tied for the most ever with three weeks left in the season.

The only other times that has happened came in 2004, 1995 and in 1982, when 16 teams made the playoffs in a strike-shortened, nine-game season.

The only team that has clinched a spot is the Green Bay Packers, who have won the NFC North after beating Baltimore on Sunday.

No team has clinched in the AFC, marking just the sixth time since the eight-division format started in 2002 that no team in a conference had clinched a playoff berth with three weeks left in the season.

It last happened in the AFC in 2016. It also happened in the AFC in 2002, the NFC in 2010 and both conferences in 2014.

FOURTH DOWN GAMBLES

The two successful fourth-down conversions this week by the Chargers gave the NFL 301 on the season, topping the 300 from 2018 for the second-most in a season, behind the record 362 last year.

There were 20 more in Week 15, leaving the league on pace to break last year's mark. But the failed chances for the Chargers this week in the overtime loss to Kansas City got much more publicity.

The Chargers got stopped on fourth-and-goal twice in the first half, becoming the first team to do that since the Chargers did it 37 years to the day on Dec. 16, 1984, against Kansas City, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

The Chiefs were stopped on a fourth down from inside the 5, marking the first time since at least 2000 that teams combined to fail on at least three fourth downs from the 5 or closer, according to Sportradar.

But while the failed fourth downs proved costly this past week, the Chargers have been successful on them plenty this season, tying for the league high with 15 conversions. They have gone for it on fourth down on 17 drives in field-goal range and scored 51 points on those possessions.

The Chargers weren't the only team struggling on fourth downs near the goal line. The Falcons were stopped three times inside the 10, the first time in the last 40 years that has happened, according to Elias.

RARE BLANKINGS

Tom Brady had a rare shutout loss this week with a 9-0 defeat to the New Orleans Saints, marking the first time his team had been held scoreless since Dec. 10, 2006, at Miami.

Brady had gone 255 straight starts in the regular season and playoffs without being shut out, the second-longest streak ever for a QB behind Drew Brees, who was never shut out in 304 career starts.

It also was the first time in Brady's career that he was shut out at home.

Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger has the longest active streak without being shut out for any current QB, with the Steelers scoring in his last 225 games in the regular season and playoffs.

Brady's old team, the Patriots, were held scoreless in the first half in their loss to Indianapolis for the first time since Oct. 2, 2016, against Buffalo, when Jacoby Brissett started in the final game of Brady's suspension for "Deflategate."

New England had gone 99 straight games in the regular season and playoffs without being shut out in the first half, the longest streak in the NFL since at least 1991. The Patriots also held the previous record of 82 straight games from 2006-11.

Bengals grind out a win, but playoffs road will be rocky

BY MITCH STACY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

CINCINNATI — The Cincinnati Bengals had to grind and scrape and outlast the Denver Broncos to stay in the playoff race.

They didn't look good doing it Sunday, but style points aren't important in December.

The Bengals (8-6) scored just one touchdown, a 56-yard catch and run by Tyler Boyd in the third quarter to put them up 15-10. That would stand as the final, with Cincinnati snapping a two-game losing streak.

"We've had a lot of nail-biters in the past and previous games, but we have a solid team all around," Boyd said.

The defense kept the Broncos in check, holding them without a touchdown until backup Drew Lock threw a scoring pass to Tim Patrick after Teddy Bridgewater left on a stretcher in the third quarter because of a head injury.

The key play was Khalid Kareem snatching the ball away from Lock on second-and-goal from the Cincinnati 9 in the fourth quarter that ended a potential Denver scoring drive.

The game might prove to be costly for the Bengals in terms of injuries. They came in already missing their best linebacker, Logan Wilson, and starting right guard Riley Reiff. More guys were banged up Sunday.

WHAT'S WORKING

The defense without Wilson and cornerback Chidobe Awuzie applied pressure on the quarterbacks and didn't break when it counted. The unit shut down Denver on a final drive after it got the ball back with just over a minute remaining in the game. Earlier in the fourth quarter, Kareem closed in on Lock and snatched the ball away with the Broncos deep in Bengals territory and driving for what could have been a go-ahead TD.

"It allows us to play a pretty dirty game," coach Zac Taylor said of the gritty defensive performance.

WHAT NEEDS HELP

The offense behind Joe Burrow started slow — again — and big plays were scarce. Burrow was just 15 for 22 for 157 yards. Joe Mixon managed just 58 rushing yards on 17 carries and was slowed by an ankle injury. Three field goals by rookie Evan McPherson saved the day.

STOCK UP

Boyd was the key receiver for Burrow on a day when Tee Higgins and Ja'Marr Chase combined for just three catches and 26 yards. Boyd had his best game since Sept. 30, grabbing five passes for 96 yards and Cincinnati's only TD. Boyd also caught a critical 19-yard pass to set up a last-second field goal just before halftime. Linebacker Germaine Pratt had 15 tackles.

STOCK DOWN

The rookie Chase already has more than 1,000 receiving yards and 10 touchdowns, but had his quietest game of the season. He caught one of four targets for just 3 yards.

INJURIES

RB Joe Mixon (ankle), OL Hakeem Adeniji (ankle), DE Khalid Kareem (concussion), and LB Joe Bachie (knee) were among those banged up.

KEY NUMBER

58 — Yardage of McPherson's first-half field goal, a Cincinnati franchise record.

NEXT STEPS

It's a familiar refrain, but Cincinnati has to start faster and better. Beyond that, winning two of the last three might be good enough to get the Bengals to the playoffs. The Bengals play AFC North rival Baltimore (8-6) in Cincinnati the day after Christmas, then host Kansas City before finishing the season at Cleveland.

"We still got two more division games left that are really going to decide the fate of the division," Burrow said.

Larry Bird museum to open in 2023

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TERRE HAUTE — Organizers of a planned museum about basketball great Larry Bird in Terre Haute have pushed back its expected opening until 2023.

The museum will be part of the new Terre Haute Convention Center that is scheduled for a March 2022 opening. The museum section, however, is awaiting decisions on about what memorabilia will be available, the Tribune-Star reported.

The museum opening is "going to be about a year behind" the convention center's opening, Gerard Hilferty of museum planning group Hilferty and Associates told Vigo County Capital Improvement Board last week.

Hilferty said designing the museum space will take about six months to complete, followed by six to nine months for audio visual production and exhibit constriction.

"We want the experience to work for hard core Larry Bird fans, as well as schoolchildren and a broad range of audiences," Hilferty said.

Bird grew up in the southern Indiana town of French Lick. He created excitement during his days at Indiana State in Terre Haute when he led the school to the NCAA title game in 1979, although the Sycamores lost to Magic Johnson's Michigan State team.

When the Celtics won the 1984 NBA Championship, Bird dedicated the win to Terre Haute. He was the Indiana Pacers coach and a top team executive after his playing career.

The museum is budgeted for $1.5 million as part of the $28 million convention center project.

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- Switzerland County jayvee girls basketball picked up a 29-21 win over Batesville on Tuesday.

Switzerland County competes in the Rivertown Classic at South Dearborn on Tuesday, Jan. 4.

- Shawe junior varsity boys basketball lost 52-11 to South Ripley on Monday.

Wyatt Nichter led the Hilltopper with four points.

Shawe hosts Borden on Jan. 4.

- Switzerland County's freshman "C" girls basketball defeated New Washington 36-10 on Monday.
- Switzerland County's freshman "C" boys basketball defeated Oldenburg Academy 46-21 on Monday.
- Shawe Memorial High School is seeking candidates for its girls head tennis coaching position for the upcoming 2021-22 spring season.

Anyone interested should contact the Shawe Athletic Department at 812-273-2150, ext. 229, or email a letter of interest, resumé and references to shaweathletics@popeace.org. Candidates must pass a background check as well as be eligible to drive a school vehicle (have a valid drivers license for 3-plus years).

LOCAL LEAGUE

Hanover Parks

Girls Basketball

Monday, Dec. 20

"A" Division

Hanover Ravens 18, Hanover Foxes 14 — Myra Hubbard had 16 points for the Ravens; Lilly Plavsic had 12 for the Foxes.

"B" Division

Hanover Shooting Stars 16, Hanover Rebelettes 13 — Emory Bickers scored eight points for the Shooting Stars; Raelyn Kramer and Caylee Bruther had four each for the Rebelettes.

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No. 3 Purdue silences Incarnate Word with rout

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WEST LAFAYETTE — Purdue coach Matt Painter might have been hoping for a better holiday send-off Monday night.

Another dominant victory will suffice.

Zach Edey had 13 points and nine rebounds, Trevion Williams added 12 points and eight boards, and the third-ranked Boilermakers routed Incarnate Word 79-59.

Jaden Ivey finished with 12 points and five rebounds for Purdue.

"They really stretched us out and our closeouts weren't great," Painter said. "But I don't think you can lose sight of taking good shots — I just wish we had made a few more."

Purdue (11-1) made more than enough in its third straight victory.

And since losing for the first time and escaping a closer-than-expected contest against North Carolina State, the Boilermakers appear to have gotten back on track with their last two wins coming by a total of 49 points.

No, Purdue didn't play with its trademark clean, crisp style. Instead, it missed its first five free throws, had six first-half turnovers and allowed the Cardinals' 3-point shooters to keep them close — for about 10 minutes.

Then the school that has only been eligible for Division I championships since 2017-18 was overwhelmed by a talented team and superior athletes.

"They are so difficult to deal with because they are so well-coached," Incarnate Word coach Carson Cunningham said after returning to his alma mater. "It's definitely something we feel we can use to get better and hopefully we did some things that will help them get better."

Benjamin Griscti made four 3-pointers and finished with 14 points to lead the Cardinals (2-10). Drew Lutz, who grew up in Indiana, had eight rebounds and nine assists — not nearly enough for Incarnate Word to avoid a third loss in five games.

And it didn't take the Boilermakers long to assert themselves.

An early 10-0 run helped Purdue take control initially and when Incarnate Word cut the deficit to 21-16 with consecutive 3s midway through the first half, Purdue delivered a decisive blow with a 15-2 spurt that made it 36-18 — a lead it maintained the rest of the game.

Purdue still led 45-27 at halftime and never allowed the Cardinals to get closer than 17 in the second half.

BIG PICTURE

Incarnate Word: The Cardinals might give other teams trouble with their 3-point shooting. But it was more of a nuisance than a threat against Purdue. Cunningham's team simply couldn't match up against a vastly more talented opponent.

Purdue: The Boilermakers weren't clicking on all cylinders, but they didn't need to in this game. Solid 3-point shooting and defense were enough to get the job done. Painter knows his team must play cleaner when it returns to action after the long holiday break.

STAT PACK

Incarnate Word: Godsgift "GG" Ezedinma had seven points in the first half and finished with nine. Top scorer Josh Morgan wound up with six points and five rebounds. ... The Cardinals were 12 of 27 on 3s and 10 for 27 on 2-pointers. They were outrebounded 46-23. ... Cunningham's team previously lost 87-60 at top-ranked Baylor, the defending national champion, and 84-62 at 2019 NCAA runner-up Texas Tech.

Purdue: Mason Gillis scored 10 points. ... The Boilermakers were 11 of 32 beyond the arc and had a 38-12 scoring advantage in the paint. ... Purdue extended its home winning streak to 12 games, and 13 in a row against non-league foes. ... The Boilermakers can tie the school record for most consecutive weeks ranked in the top three (six) if they stay there Monday. They won't play again until after the next poll is released.

WELCOME BACK, CARSON

Cunningham received a standing ovation from the sellout crowd after a long introduction from the public address announcer. The Incarnate Word coach started 75 games and scored 886 points in his career as he helped Purdue reach the 1999 Sweet 16 and the 2000 Elite Eight.

"Carson is a good guy. He was a good player here and anytime you have a guy like that come back, it's a special moment," Painter said.

UP NEXT

Purdue takes an eight-day break before welcoming Nicholls to Mackey Arena on Dec. 29.

No. 23 'Nova gets past No. 18 Xavier

BY AARON BRACY
ASSOCIATED PRESS

VILLANOVA, Pa. — Justin Moore scored 12 of his 17 points after halftime and Caleb Daniels added 16 points to lead No. 23 Villanova to a 71-58 victory over No. 18 Xavier on Tuesday night.

Collin Gillespie and Eric Dixon each had 15 points for the Wildcats (8-4, 1-1 Big East), who bounced back from consecutive blowout losses.

Dwon Odom scored 13 points and Nate Johnson had 12 for Xavier (11-2, 1-1), which had won seven in a row.

The Wildcats dropped 14 spots in the Associated Press Top 25 after a 79-59 loss at Creighton on Friday in their Big East opener and a 57-36 defeat at Baylor on Dec. 12 — the first time in coach Jay Wright's 21 seasons Villanova lost consecutive games by 20 or more points.

And it looked like Villanova was on course for a third straight loss after the Musketeers dominated the first half and took an eight-point lead into the locker room. But the Wildcats turned up the defensive pressure in the second half and ran away from Xavier in the final six minutes.

"It was a good job by us of responding," Moore said. "We did a great job of playing as hard as we can, defending and playing tough."

Xavier missed its first four shots and committed five turnovers to start the second half, helping Villanova close within 39-37 on a Daniels 3-pointer. And the Wildcats took their first lead since early in the contest on Dixon's layup that made it 42-41 with 14:02 to play. The game stayed tight for the next 7 ½ minutes, and Jack Nunge layup put Xavier in front 51-49 with 7:29 to play.

But Villanova took over from there.

The Wildcats scored the next eight points, capped by a Gillespie 3-pointer with 4:43 left that gave them their biggest lead to that point, 57-51. And Villanova kept rolling. Moore's layup with 1:32 remaining gave Villanova a 10-point advantage and put the game away.

The Wildcats avoided just the third three-game losing streak under Wright since 2013.

"That second half was one of our best halves defensively so far this year," Wright said.

Xavier was 0 for 14 from long range in the second half.

"I thought it was a tale of two halves for us," Xavier coach Travis Steele said. "The first half shows we can beat anybody in our league. Second half shows we can lose to anybody in our league."

Herro, Robinson net 26 apiece as Heat steamroll Pacers 125-96

BY TIM REYNOLDS
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

MIAMI — Tyler Herro scored 26 points in his return from a three-game absence with a bruised thigh, Duncan Robinson tied a season-high with 26 points and the Miami Heat rolled past the Indiana Pacers 125-96 on Tuesday night.

Miami tied a franchise record with 22 made 3-pointers, the fourth time the Heat have made that many.

Max Strus scored 18 points, KZ Okpala scored 16 and Kyle Lowry finished with eight points, 11 rebounds and 12 assists for Miami. Omer Yurtseven added 13 rebounds for the Heat, who had 30 assists.

"When the ball's moving like that, people just feel the energy of the ball, unselfish play," Robinson said. "It's easy to let it fly."

Chris Duarte and Caris LeVert each scored 17 for Indiana, which got 14 points from Oshae Brissett and 12 points from Domantas Sabonis. Indiana lost Malcolm Brogdon in the first half with more soreness in his right Achilles, something that has been bothering him. He had one point and two assists in eight minutes, and when he left the game it was quickly determined that he couldn't return.

"We'll keep treating it, we'll keep looking at everything we can to help this situation be resolved," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "It's obviously a big loss on the floor without having him out there. Just a tough night."

It was the first game back for Carlisle after after testing positive for COVID-19 on Dec. 9.

Broome leads Morehead St. past IUPUI

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — Johni Broome had 13 points and 11 rebounds to lead Morehead State to an 80-52 win over IUPUI on Tuesday night.

Tray Hollowell had 17 points for Morehead State (8-5). Jaylon Hall added 15 points.

Morehead State dominated the first half and led 42-23 at the break. The Eagles' 42 points in the first half were their season high.

Azariah Seay had 17 points for the Jaguars (1-10), who have lost five games in a row. Dimitar Pandev added 11 points. Bakari LaStrap had 11 points.

B.J. Maxwell, who led the Jaguars in scoring entering the contest with 13 points per game, was held to only three points.

No. 1 South Carolina women rally past No. 2 Stanford

BY PETE IACOBELLI
ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA, S.C. — No. 1 South Carolina added another milestone to what's shaping up as a truly special season — the biggest comeback in program history.

The Gamecocks rallied from 18 points down to beat defending national champion Stanford 65-61 and keep their perfect, 12-0 start alive.

Aliyah Boston had 18 points, including the go-ahead basket with 1:05 left for South Carolina's second victory this season over a No. 2 team and fifth over a Top-10 opponent.

"It shows our power," Destanni Henderson, who scored 17 points and returned to the starting lineup after missing the past three games due to injury. "It's hard to compete with us."

Especially in the second half when the speedy Henderson and tall, athletic Boston got going. Still down 45-28 when Hannah Jump nailed a 3-pointer to start the third quarter, the Gamecocks took off on a 22-4 burst that put them ahead 50-49 entering the final period.

Boston's final basket proved decisive and was a bit of redemption after she missed a short one in the final seconds of Stanford's 66-65 victory over the Gamecocks in the national semifinals.

Boston overcame a slow start, adding five blocks and dominating down low in the second half. It was her fifth straight double-double and 36th of her career.

"Aliyah is Aliyah," South Carolina coach Dawn Staley said. "This is what she's been doing."

And beating all comers is what the Gamecocks have done in the first third of their season. They've notched wins over North Carolina State, Oregon, UConn and Maryland before toppling Stanford.

Stanford (8-3) had a chance to go in front, but Cameron Brink's jumper came off the rim and into the capable hands of Boston.

Boston hit a foul shot and Destiny Littleton followed with two more with 0.8 seconds left to close out the win.

It was a complete reversal for the Cardinal, who seemed to pull off a Southern double after winning at No. 7 Tennessee last weekend.

Stanford coach Tara Vanderveer believes the trip will prove beneficial to her team, no matter the disappointment in this one.

"We'll get better," she said. "It's good this way now instead of this being your NCAA (tournament) game and your done. We can learn and get better."

Henderson added seven assists and seven steals.

Brink, Stanford's leading scorer at 14.2 points a game coming in, was held in check by the Gamecocks and finished with three points on 1-of-7 shooting.

Lexie Hull led Stanford with 17 points, just three of those coming in the final three quarters.

South Carolina had been waiting for this one since the last Final Four, Brea Beal and Boston missing two short cracks at the basket.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VERNON L. WYNN, DECEASED.
Notice is hereby given that Sue Ellen Wynn Brown, Lawrence Lee Wynn, and Robert Mark Wynn were, on the 9th day of December, 2021, appointed personal representatives of the estate of Vernon L. Wynn, deceased, who died on the 2nd day of November, 2021.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 9th day of December, 2021.
/s/Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, IN
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LEGAL NOTICE
JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA PLAN COMMISSION
Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County, Indiana Plan Commission will meet for its regular and executive session meetings on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 5:30 P.M., at the Surveyor's Office, 315 Jefferson St., Courthouse Annex Bldg., Madison, Indiana. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss pending zoning violations at 10218 W Polk Road, Lexington, IN; and to review current zoning ordinances. BY ORDER OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA PLAN COMMISSION. By: Lynette Anderson, Secretary, Jefferson County Plan Commission.
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LEGAL NOTICE
JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA PLAN COMMISSION and JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA, BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County, Indiana Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals will hold a joint meeting on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 5:15 P.M., in the Jefferson County Courthouse Annex, Surveyor's Office, 315 Jefferson Street, Madison, IN. The purpose of the meeting is to appoint Pat Magrath as attorney for the Plan Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals and to approve the attorney agreement for the year 2022. BY ORDER OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA, BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS. By: Lynette M. Anderson, Secretary, Jefferson County Board of Zoning Appeals
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JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA, BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
Notice is hereby given that the Jefferson County, Indiana, Board of Zoning Appeals will meet Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at 5:00 o'clock, P.M., at the Surveyor's Office, 315 Jefferson St., Courthouse Annex Bldg., Madison, Indiana. The purpose of the meeting is an application for conditional use #749 other recreation, including camping and picnic areas submitted by Chad Gray at 500+ S Brooksburg Main St., Madison, IN; an application for conditional use #518 Wholesale Machinery, Equipment & Supplies, #525 Retail Hardware & Farm Equipment, #596 Retail Farm & Garden Supplies and #649 Other Repair Services submitted by James Riegsecker, 6000+ NUS 421, Madison, IN. The Board of Zoning Appeals may consider any other business that comes before it at this date and time. BY ORDER OF THE JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA, BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS.
By: Lynette M. Anderson, Secretary, Jefferson County Board of Zoning Appeals
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LEGAL NOTICE
MADISON CITY BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS
The Madison City Board of Zoning Appeals will meet Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall, 101 W. Main Street, Madison, IN 47250.

Renewals:
1. Tom & Melodie Power & Rivercrest Marina – Conditional Use permit for: A maximum of three (3) campers for personal use; and golf carts for rentals – maximum of 15
Location: 1200 W Second St.
Zoned: Heavy Industry (M-2)
One-Year Renewal

2. Landmark Apostolic Bible Church, Inc. – Conditional Use permit for a church.
Location: 3100 Landmark Lane
Zoned: High Density Residential (R-32)
One-Year Renewal

3. Shawn Sands – Conditional Use permit for a wrestling facility.
Location: 2520 Lanier Drive, Suite C
Zoned: Heavy Industry (M-2)
One-Year Renewal

4. Stuart & Kimberly Hizey – Conditional Use permit for a guest house.
Location: 215 East St.
Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
One-Year Renewal

5. Kentuckiana News – Conditional Use permit for a recording, editing, producing, photofinishing and administrative office.
Location: 402 W. Main St.
Zoned: Specialty District (SD)
One-Year Renewal

New Applications:

6. Anthony & Lisa Hammock – Variance from Development Standards, Madison City Zoning Ordinance, Section 6.11 – Residential Agricultural (RA). Applicant desires to build a single-family dwelling with setbacks of 5-ft from the west side and 10-ft from the east side. Ordinance requires a minimum of 20-ft wide side yards.
Location: 1339 E Fulton St.
Zoned: Residential Agricultural (RA)

7. Jefferson County Indiana Jail Building Corporation – Variance of Use, Madison City Zoning Ordinance, Section 11.33. Applicant desires to build operate a correctional Institution. Category #674 – Correctional Institutions is not a permitted use in Heavy Industry (M-2).
Location: 1150 JA Berry Ln.
Zoned: Heavy Industry (M-2)

8. Susan Reed Smith – Conditional Use permit to allow for animal sales and swap at the Madison Indiana Flea Market/Animal Swap.
Location: 2355 N K Rd Zoned: Residential Agricultural (RA)

Tabled Applications:
9. Glennia Moore – Conditional Use Permit for a mobile home.
Location: 3607 N Old SR 62
Zoned: Low Density Residential (R-4)
One-Year Renewal

10. Mike Anderson – Conditional Use Permit for a tattoo studio.
Location: 408/418 Mulberry St
Zoned: Historic District Residential (HDR)
One-Year Renewal

11. Hrezo Engineering, Inc. – Conditional Use Permit for professional service office - Architecture, Engineering, and Surveying services.
Location: 444 Meadow Ln Zoned: General Business (GB)
Two-Year Renewal

12. Super Shine – Conditional Use Permit for vehicle detailing, window tinting, headliner work, and retail sales of truck accessories.
Location: 3068 Landmark Ln
Zoned: High Density Residential (R-32)
One-Year Renewal

13. Kathy Kidwell – Conditional Use Permit for a mobile home.
Location: 1347 N Old SR 62
Zoned: Residential Agricultural (RA)
One-Year Renewal

14. Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery – Variance of Use for expansion of burial space on current cemetery grounds.
Location: 1415 MSH N Gate Rd
Zoned: Residential Agricultural (RA)

15. Board of Zoning Appeals Rules of Procedure

Business – Old or New:
Election of 2021 Board of Zoning Appeals chairman and vice-chairman.

For the purpose of hearing those for or against said applications, a public hearing will be held on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. in City Hall, 101 W. Main St., Madison, IN 47250.

BY ORDER OF THE MADISON CITY ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Nicole M Schell, Director of Planning
As per Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act, anyone requiring an auxiliary aid or service for affective communication, should contact the Madison City Plan Commission at 812-265-8324 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled meeting.
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LEGAL NOTICE
MADISON CITY PLAN COMMISSION
The Madison City Plan Commission will have a regular meeting on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall, 101 W. Main St., Madison, IN 47250.

New Applications:
1. Barbara & Joshua Ford – Setback Requirement Application for the construction of a self storage facility in General Business zoning. The applicant is requesting a ten (10) foot setback on the North lot line, a ten (10) foot setback on the east lot line, a ten (10) foot setback on the south lot line, and a ten (10) foot setback on the west lot line.
Location: 3369 Chicken Run Rd.
Zoned: General Business (GB)

2. Trilogy Health Services, LLC – Application for Variance from Subdivision Regulations.
Location: 513, 515, 517, 521, 523, 525, & 601 West St Zoned: Central Business District (CBD)

3. Trilogy Health Services, LLC – Final Plat for proposed subdivision consisting of five (5) lots and totaling approximately 0.371 acres from parcel 39-13-02-212-005.000-007.
Location: 513, 515, 517, 521, 523, 525, and 601 West St
Zoned: Central Business District (CBD)

Business – Old or New:
Election of 2021 Plan Commission chairman, vice chairman, attorney and secretary.

For the purpose of hearing those for or against said applications, a public hearing will be held on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall, 101 W. Main St., Madison, IN 47250.
Nicole M Schell, Director of Planning
Madison City Plan Commission
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE:
RIVER TOWN TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 12/29/2021,10:00 am at 6673 N JPG MERIDIAN RD MADISON, IN 47250-9701, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. RIVER TOWN TOWING & RECOVERY, LLC reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.
AUCTION DATE 12/29/2021
1G2ZG57N584136408 2008 PONTIAC G6
1G1ZU54845F118901 2005 CHEVROLET MALIBU
1D7HU18ZX2J188478 2002 DODGE 1500
2FMZA51675BA62596 2005 FORD FREESTAR
JH2SC2602WM800293 1998 HONDA
1GCDC14H9JE132273 1988 CHEVROLET
1G4HP52K05U220146 2005 BUICK LESABRE
JF1GD61657H509060 2007 SUBARU IMPREZA
1GNDT13S862307626 2006 CHEVROLET TRAILBLAZER
1GTV2NEC3GZ316224 2016 GMC SIERRA
4T1SK13E2RU430520 1994 TOYOTA CAMRY
3C3CFFAR3DT570521 2013 FIAT 500
2T1BR12E5XC126612 1999 TOYOTA COROLLA
KM8SC13E75U947383 2005 HYUNDAI SANTA FE
1G3NL52E33C216348 2003 OLDSMOBILE ALERO
3D4GG57V59T534249 2009 DODGE JOURNEY
1B7GL23Y6VS263933 1997 DODGE DAKOTA
2GTEK19T241268318 2004 GMC 1500
WVWMN7AN8AE561461 2010 VOLKSWAGEN CC
JNKAY01E77M309571 2007 INFINITI M35
AUCTION DATE 12/31/2021
1G1JF12T1W7258505 1998 CHEVROLET CAVALIER
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0900 LEGALS

Public Notice

IC 14-11-4 was enacted to ensure that adjacent property owners are notified of permit applications and provided with an opportunity to present their views to the Department of Natural Resources prior to action under the Flood Control Act, IC 14- 28-1.
Project: Clifty Creek Landfill Runoff Collection Pond Closure
Stream Name Ohio River
Applicant: Indiana-Kentucky Electric Corp. (740)289-7267
Agent: Stantec Consulting Service, Inc. Louisville, KY
Questions should be directed to Indiana-Kentucky Electric Corp.

An informal public hearing, pre-AOPA (Administrative Orders and Procedures Act) hearing may be requested on this application by filing a petition with the Division of Water. The petition must conform to administrative rule 312 IAC 2-3-4 as follows:
(a) This section establishes the requirements for a petition to request a public hearing under IC 14-11-4-8(a)(2).
(b) The petition shall include the signatures of at least twenty-five (25) individuals who are at least eighteen (18) years of age and who reside in the county where the licensed activity would take place or who own real property within one (1) mile of the site of the proposed or existing licensed activity.
(c) The complete mailing addresses of the petitioners shall be typed or printed legibly on the petition.
(d) Each individual who signs the petition shall affirm that the individual qualifies under subsection (b).
(e) The petition shall identify the application for which a public hearing is sought, either by division docket number (application number) or by the name of the applicant and the location of the project.

The Department's jurisdiction under the Flood Control Act, IC 14-28-1, is limited to a project in the floodway of the waterway that includes but not limited to rivers, streams, ditches, and creeks. To be approvable a project must demonstrate that it will: (a) not adversely affect the efficiency or unduly restrict the capacity of the flood way; defined as, the project will not result in an increase in flood stages of more than 0.14 feet above the base 100 year regulatory flood elevation, (b) not constitute an unreasonable hazard to the safety of life or property; defined as, the project will not result in either of the following during the regulatory flood: (1) the loss of human life, and (2) damage to public or private property to which the applicant has neither ownership nor a flood easement; (c) not result in unreasonable detrimental effects upon fish, wildlife, and botanical resources. Additionally, the Department must consider the cumulative effects of the items (a) through (c).

A request for a pre-AOPA public hearing or notice of initial determination pursuant to 312 IAC 2-3 should be addressed to: Technical Services Section, Division of Water, Department of Natural Resources 402 West Washington Street, Room W264, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2641, Telephone: (877) 928-3755 or (317) 232-4160.

You may also request that the Department notify you in writing after an initial determination is made to issue or deny the permit. Following the receipt of the approval or denial notice, you may request administrative review of the determination by the Natural Resources Commission under IC 4-21.5 and 312 IAC 3-1. This request should be addressed to: Division of Hearings, Natural Resources Commission, Indiana Government Center North, Room N501A, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, IN 46204, Telephone: (317) 232-4699.
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STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE TIPPECANOE SUPERIOR COURT 3
SS:
COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE
CAUSE NUMBER: 79D03-2110-JC-000174
IN THE MATTER OF:
XLN - DOB 10/22/2021
A CHILD ALLEGED TO BE A CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES
AND
RACHEL ANN NICE (MOTHER)
TRENT ALAN NICE (FATHER)

SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION & NOTICE OF CHILD IN NEED OF SERVICES HEARING

TO: Trent Alan Nice
Whereabouts unknown

0900 LEGALS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the above noted parent whose whereabouts are unknown, that the Indiana Department of Child Services has filed its Verified Petition Alleging the child to be in Need of Services, in accordance with I.C. 31-34-9-3, and that an adjudication hearing has been scheduled with the Court.
YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to appear before the Judge of the Tippecanoe Superior Court 3, 301 Main Street, Lafayette, IN 47901, 765-423-9295 for a(n) Initial Hearing on Publication on 2/16/2022 at 2:30 PM, Fact Finding Hearing on 2/16/2022 at 2:30 PM and Disposition Hearing on 2/16/2022 at 2:30 PM At said hearing, the Court will consider the Petition and evidence thereon and will render its decision as to whether the above named minor child is child in need of services and shall enter adjudication accordingly. Your failure to appear after lawful notice will be deemed as your default and waiver to be present at said hearing.
UPON ENTRY OF SAID ADJUDICATION, A DISPOSITIONAL HEARING will be held in which the Court will consider (1) Alternatives for the care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; (2) The necessity, nature, and extent of your participation in the program of care, treatment, or rehabilitation for the child; and (3) Your financial responsibility for any services provided for the parent, guardian or custodian of the child including child support.
YOU MUST RESPOND by appearing in person or by an attorney within thirty (30) days after the last publication of this notice, and in the event you fail to do so, an adjudication on said petition, judgment by default, may be entered against you, or the court may proceed in your absence, without further notice.
/s/Julie Roush
Juvenile Court Clerk
Kristy Streetman, 34436-13
Attorney, Indiana Department of Child Services
c/o DCS Attorney
Lafayette, IN
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STATE OF INDIANA)
)
JEFFERSON COUNTY)
IN THE JEFFERSON CIRCUIT COURT
2021 TERM
IN RE THE MATTER OF THE UNSUPERVISED ESTATE OF ESTATE DOCKET NUMBER
MARGARET J. IMEL,) 39C01-2111-EU-000092
DECEASED.)
JEFFREY A. FLORES, 112 E. Third Street, Madison, Indiana 47250, ATTORNEY

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, INDIANA
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARGARET J. IMEL, DECEASED.
ESTATE DOCKET 39C01-2111-EU-000092
Notice is hereby given that Larry H. Hammons, on the 22nd day of November 2021 was appointed Personal Representative of the Estate of Margaret J. Imel, deceased, who died on the 15th day of November 2021.
All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred.
Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 22nd day of November 2021.
/s/
CLERK of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana
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THURSDAY EVENING

	Jefferson Switzerland	Trimble/ Carroll	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
3 WAVE	6	2	News	News	News	News	5 More	Trolls	Rock	Mr.	Kelly Clarkson		News
4 WTTV	4		News	CBS	Theory	Sheldon	Sheldon	Ghosts	Ghosts	Ghosts	Ghosts	Ghosts	News
5 WLWT	2		News	News	WLWT	Holly	5 More	Trolls	Rock	Mr.	Kelly Clarkson		News
8 WISH	12		News 8 at 6PM		Zo	ET	Silent Night: A Song for the World				News 8 at 10PM		News
9 WCPO	23		News	ABC	News	The List	Santa Claus		Very Boy Band		CMA Country		News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	ABC	ET	Inside	Santa Claus		Very Boy Band		CMA Country		News
15 WKPC	13		Nature	News	PBS NewsHour		Antiques		Doc Martin CC		Father Brown		World
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	J'pardy!	Kat	Kat	Merry Elfin'		FOX19		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBS	Wheel	J'pardy!	Sheldon	Ghosts	Ghosts	Ghosts	Ghosts	Ghosts	News
34 WBKI	7	7	Mod	Last	Sheldon	Theory	Silent Night: A Song for the World				Theory	Sheldon	Two
41 WDRB	8	9	News	News	Judge	Judge	Kat	Kat	Merry Elfin'		WDRB News		News
A&E	28	36	The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48 CC		The First 48		City Confidential		First 48
AMC	29	26	(5:30) ★★ "Fred Claus" (2007)				★★ "Four Christmases" (2008)				"The Polar Express" CC		
COM	45	59	RENO	RENO	RENO	RENO	Sein	Sein	Sein	Sein	Sein	Sein	Sein
DISC	31	38	Homestead		Homestead		Homestead Rescue				(:03) Homestead Rescue		
DISN	25	29	Mickey	Big City	Big City	Toy	"Christmas Carol"			Holiday-Quest		Holiday	Austin
ESPN	32	44	College Football		College Football: Union Home Mortgage Gasparilla Bowl							SportsCenter (N)	
FREE	18	40	"Home	(:35) "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York"					"Dr. Seuss' How Grinch Stole Christmas"				
FX	40	28	★★ "Daddy's Home" (2015)				★★ "Daddy's Home 2" (2017)				★★ "Daddy's Home 2"		
HBO	201	17	Red Blue Green		Landscapers		★★★ "In the Heights" (2021) CC					Hall of Fame	
MAX	270	73	"Gang"	(:16) ★★ "The Rocker"			★★★ "Adventureland" (2009)				"Witch-Eastwick"		
PARMT	35	41	★★★★ "Titanic" (1997) Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet, Billy Zane. CC									"Dirty Dancing"	
SHOW	221	16	(5:30) "The Humans"		★★★ "It Comes at Night"				Dexter: New		"The Survivalist" (2021)		
TMC	233	74	"No	(:25) ★★ "Gamer" (2009)			★★★ "The Last of the Mohicans"				★★ "The Yards" (2000)		
TNT	27	43	"Wed	★★ "The Replacements" (2000) CC (DVS)					Shaq	Shaq	Shaq	Shaq	"Re
USA	26	33	Law & Order		Law & Order		Law & Order		★★ "A Bad Moms Christmas" (2017)				
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FRIDAY EVENING

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3 WAVE	6	2	News	News	News	News	★★★★ "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946) CC (DVS)						News
4 WTTV	4		News	CBS	Theory	Sheldon	Holly Dolly		Kenny Rogers		Blue Bloods		News
5 WLWT	2		News	News	WLWT	Holly	★★★★ "It's a Wonderful Life" (1946) CC (DVS)						News
8 WISH	12		News 8 at 6PM		Inside	ET	Christmas Around the World CC				News 8 at 10PM		News
9 WCPO	23		News	ABC	News	The List	"Olaf's	Shrek	Landing	Prep &	Shark Tank		News
11 WHAS	11	4	News	ABC	ET	Inside	"Olaf's	Shrek	Landing	Prep &	Shark Tank		News
15 WKPC	13		Health	News	PBS NewsHour		Com	Wash	Holidays-State		St. Thomas		World
19 WXIX	10		FOX19	FOX19	Wheel	J'pardy!	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N)				FOX19		FOX19
32 WLKY	5	5	News	CBS	Wheel	J'pardy!	Holly Dolly		Kenny Rogers		Blue Bloods		News
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41 WDRB	8	9	News	News	Judge	Judge	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N)				WDRB News		News
A&E	28	36	Court	Court	Court	Court	Court	Court	Court	Court	(:01) Court Cam		Court
AMC	29	26	★★ "Four Christmases" (2008)				"National Lamp. Christmas"				"Nat'l-Christmas"		
COM	45	59	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
DISC	31	38	Gold Rush		Gold Rush		Gold Rush (N) CC						Gold
DISN	25	29	Lady	"Good Luck Charlie"			"Christmas...Again?!"			Raven's Home		Disney	
ESPN	32	44	SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		College Football Easypost Hawaii Bowl -- Memphis vs Hawaii.						
FREE	18	40	"Dr. Seuss' How Grinch Stole Christmas"					Frosty	Rudolph		Santa Claus		700
FX	40	28	"How the Grinch"			★★ "Dr. Seuss' The Grinch"				★★ "Dr. Seuss' The Grinch"			
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PARMT	35	41	"Indi	★★★★ "Raiders of the Lost Ark" (1981)			"Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom"						
SHOW	221	16	★★★ "Minari" (2020) Steven Yeun.				★★★ "The Descendants" (2011)				"Lee Daniels' The Butler"		
TMC	233	74	(:05) ★★ "Forces of Nature"				★★★ "Gloria Bell" (2018)			(:45) ★★★ "Young Adult" (2011)			
TNT	27	43	Bones CC		Bones CC		Bones CC		★★★★ "A Christmas Story" (1983)				"Christ
USA	26	33	"Harry Potter-Chamber"				(7:55) "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban"						"Pot
WGN-A	20	20	Donlon Report		On Balance		Dan Abrams		NewsNation		Banfield (N) CC		Balance

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

"B X Y I T H I D E T I U O D C I J I T X K E X W I H W Z I L Y H L H T S Y E T K, E T I Y H R I D C E R K Y E J I V R C I P T V C X." — D V R P I T U H T K V R D W E T S D

Previous Solution: "Winter is a time to gather golden moments, embark upon a sentimental journey and enjoy every idle hour." — John Boswell

TODAY'S CLUE: U equals O

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Previous Solution: "My heroes are just everyday people who work hard, are honest and have integrity." — Singer Jordin Sparks

TODAY'S CLUE: F equals X

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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7					1	2	3	
			3	9				7

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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2	1	5	4	8	6	7	9	3
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SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

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5 Young deer
9 Spook
14 Long dress
15 On the briny
16 Golf score
17 Ambler or Clapton
18 "Moonstruck" star
19 Protective clothing
20 Nat's daughter
22 Rugs
24 Singer — Ross
26 Hive occupant
27 Horrify
30 Courage
35 Dalai Lama's city
36 Dot on the ocean
37 Ballet lake
38 Phone bug
39 Solicitude
42 Lilly of pharmaceuticals
43 Without delay
45 Flying saucers
46 Wading bird
48 Hinduism, e.g.
50 Deep gorges
51 British rule in India
52 Cabinet parts
54 Planting guide
58 Supermarket savers
62 Meandered
63 Spice stand
65 Klutz's cry (hyph.)
66 Grinding machine
67 Winter woe
68 Calf-length
69 Campaign tactic
70 Microsoft product
71 Limerick

DOWN

1 Pious assent
2 Pasternak woman
3 Leave
4 Shrill insects
5 Beauty-salon offering
6 White-faced
7 Barely visible
8 DEA operative
9 Equipped
10 Takes place
11 Very mean person
12 Job opening
13 Perfect scores
21 Spring fragrance
23 More competent
25 Fly the coop
27 Place to wed
28 Moon position
29 Of the Vatican
31 Corrida shouts
32 Pitchers
33 Oregon's capital
34 Tizzies
36 Stats
40 — board
41 First P.M. of India
44 Fierce fish
47 Fuel dispenser (2 wds.)
49 Quick peek
50 Fixed a meal
53 Take place
54 Hole-making tools
55 Friable soil
56 Remote button
57 Gullet
59 Akron's home
60 Bump or knot
61 Thin wedge
64 In time past

PREVIOUS PUZZLE SOLVED

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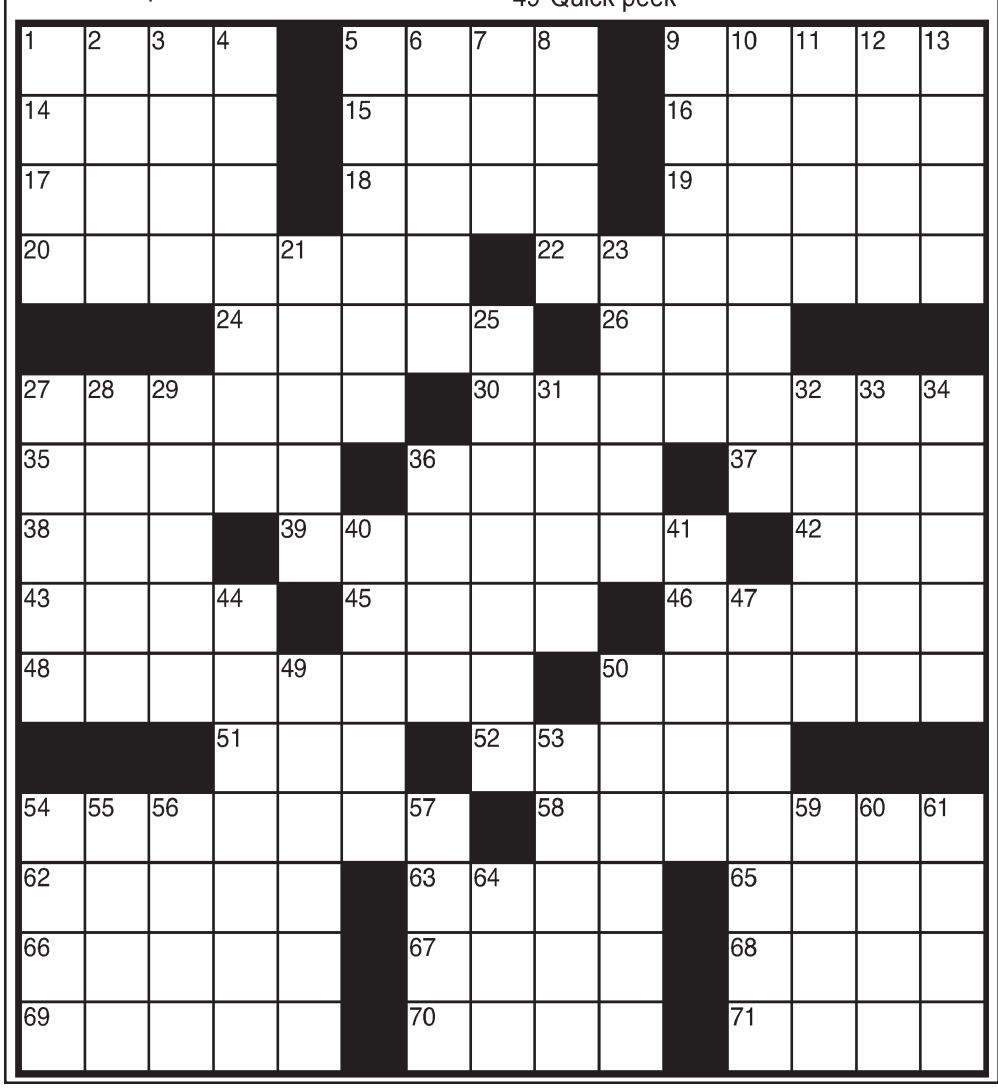

ACROSS

1 Tolkien hero
6 Fixes the fight
10 Fuzzy fabric
14 Confine
15 Singer Billy —
16 Copied
17 "Witness" extras
18 Naive one
19 Tavern inventory
20 Puts on a leash
22 Flood barriers
24 NOW cause
25 Resembling
26 Zeus' wife
29 "Brian's Song" star
31 Quick letters
36 In a disinclined manner
38 Obtain
39 Team lists
40 Constructed
41 Slalom competitors
42 Project beyond
43 Salon tint
44 Biggers' sleuth
45 Before, as a prefix
46 Tiny Tim's pudding
48 EMT technique
50 Used a blender
53 Clunked
57 Waiter's offering
58 — Ferber
60 Dolphins' city
61 Many parents
62 Movie bit
63 Up and about
64 Blackthorn
65 Extreme PR
66 Prolonged gaze

DOWN

1 Bland
2 Coating of frost
3 Drop
4 Discourage
5 Last box to check
6 Barbecue favorite
7 Mountain overlooking Troy
8 Malicious elf
9 Glossy
10 Pseudo
11 Fencer's blade
12 Table supports
13 Six-pointers, for short
21 Track competitors
23 Facade
25 Produce eggs
26 Severe
27 Draw forth
28 Gum
30 Capp and Jolson
32 Apple or peach grower
33 Giant
34 Olympic contest
35 Swamp grass
37 Baja souvenir, maybe
38 Soak
40 — Gabor
42 Physicist Georg —
44 Lovable
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Mental health among athletes takes spotlight

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Simone Biles understands now that she was struggling long before she arrived at the Tokyo Olympics, where the unofficial face of the Games and one of the greatest gymnasts of all time was unable to force a smile and push her way through on the world's biggest stage.

Biles had persevered through the widespread sexual and emotional abuse scandal that rocked the gymnastics community. She continued her intense training and preparation for the Olympics through its yearlong pandemic delay.

She was fine, she convinced herself.

But when the seven-time Olympic medalist stepped onto the floor in July for the women's team final, she was not fine. Biles was suffering from "the twisties," a phenomenon in which she'd lost her sense of air because her mind and body could not sync, and she walked off the floor.

"I think it's definitely pent up emotions, aggressions for the past couple of years, trauma that led to that moment of once I got on the global scene, I just cracked," Biles said.

Recognizing that she was not in the right head space to compete safely, Biles ultimately pulled out of four events.

Michael Phelps, retired swimmer and winner of a record 23 gold medals, said the day after Biles walked off the floor in Tokyo that the gymnast had shown "it is OK not to be OK." Phelps has long been public about his own mental health struggles — including acknowledging he contemplated suicide after the 2012 Olympics — but Biles blew the discussion wide open.

Athletes over the last few years had started to publicly address anxiety, depression and suicidal thoughts they experienced. But heightened by the strains of the pandemic and the support shown to both Biles and Osaka, the toughest of the tough are no longer "shaking it off," or any of the cliché things athletes are supposed to do.

In the last three months:

• Atlanta Falcons receiver Calvin Ridley stepped away from the game in October to "focus on my mental wellbeing," he wrote on social media. "This will help me be the best version of myself now and in the future."

• Tennessee Titans receiver A.J. Brown shared a video on the one-year anniversary of the day he considered suicide to deal with depression he was battling during a breakout 2020 Pro Bowl season. "I just wanted to put out a positive message that I'm still here. I'm still growing. I'm still learning."

• Philadelphia Eagles left tackle Lane Johnson missed three games to address depression and anxiety. "I was living in hell for a long time. Don't bottle it up. And it's easy to do that. It's easy to avoid the situations that you don't want to go through."

• Bianca Andreescu, the 2019 U.S. Open champion, said she would take a mental break from tennis and sit out the start of next season to "re-set, recover, and grow" after a challenging two years that included contracting COVID-19. "I could not detach myself from everything that was going on off the court; was feeling the collective sadness and turmoil around and it took its toll on me," the 21-year-old Canadian wrote on social media.

• Formula One driver Valtteri Bottas broke from his normal private nature on a podcast to discuss mental health struggles that nearly caused him to quit racing. Bottas called the podcast "therapeutic" and said he did it for fans in his native Finland because "normally I haven't shared much underneath the skin... I think they have a right to know me a bit better as a human being."

Greg Miller, a licensed professional counselor for Thriveworks in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, noted the focus on mental health is not entirely new and previously was championed by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. He also pointed to Royce White, who talked openly of his struggles while playing basketball at Iowa State but as an NBA rookie in 2012 refused to play because the league lacked a comprehensive mental health program. Royce was, according to Miller, a "canary in the coal mine" nearly a decade ahead of his time.

While Biles and Osaka helped blow the conversation open, Miller believes stigmas surrounding mental health won't go away. Athletes, particularly male ones from traditional sports championed in the fabric of America, will still struggle to seek help when needed.

"We're taught as men to be individuals who take care of things with grit and resilience, not community and vulnerability," Miller said. "There are pockets of people in the country who see individuals talking about their feelings as weak or lacking masculinity in general. What you're seeing playing out among male athletes now is nothing new to any man who has ever dealt with mental health issues; it has been happening to men across the country for generations.

"We, as a collective society, need to take a look at ourselves and decide whether an open conversation about mental health is strength-based or not. Until that happens, male athletes — and men as a whole — will continue to experience difficulty discussing mental health challenges."

The NBA has a "Mind Health" program and the NFL and NFL Players Association in 2019 formed a mental health and wellness committee. Minnesota Vikings general manager Rick Spielman earlier this month urged organizations to invest in support systems following an incident in which defensive end Everson Griffen called police to his home and then refused to leave; Griffen has since revealed he's bipolar.

Biles said "I'm honestly kind of OK that it happened" because it led to her receiving the help she didn't recognize she needed. Had it not all come to a head on a gymnastics mat in Tokyo, her trauma would have followed her.

NBA has 'no plans' to pause season, Silver says

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NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said Tuesday that there are no plans to pause the season, even as numbers of players entering the league's health and safety protocols related to the coronavirus continues to rise.

Adam Silver

Silver, in an interview with ESPN, said the league has examined multiple options but does not yet see a reason to stop play. Through early Tuesday evening, at least 84 players from 20 teams — not including some coaches and staffers — were believed to be in the protocols, though those numbers tend to change almost on an hourly basis. The count is largely based on what teams have disclosed on their most recent injury report.

"Frankly, we're having trouble coming up with what the logic would be behind pausing right now," Silver said. "As we look through these cases literally ripping through the country right now, putting aside the rest of the world, I think we're finding ourselves where we sort of knew we were going to get to for the past several months — and that is that this virus will not be eradicated and we're going to have to learn to live with it. That's what we're experiencing in the league right now."

Silver's remarks came on the same day that the 10 NBA teams with games scheduled on Christmas were told by the league that shifting some game times is a possibility for the planned five-game slate, if virus-related issues force changes to the lineup and create holes in the national television schedule.

The league told the teams the priority is filling the ABC windows for Saturday's games, which means the slots at 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. Eastern. For now, those games, in order, would have Boston at Milwaukee, Golden State at Phoenix and Brooklyn at the Los Angeles Lakers.

The other games on the Christmas schedule are Atlanta at New York at noon Eastern, and Dallas at Utah at 10:30 p.m. Eastern. Both of those games are scheduled to be shown on ESPN.

The league called the notion of shifting game times — which may happen if a game is postponed — a contingency plan in the memo distributed to the teams involved and obtained by The Associated Press. Decisions on whether shifting times is needed could come as late as Friday. Any decisions made on Saturday to postpone a Christmas game would not impact the remainder of the day's schedule, the league said.

"There's no doubt those five Christmas Day games are important," Silver said. "But as you know, we play many games every day."

The NBA has postponed seven games so far this season, but none from Wednesday onward yet. Some of the teams scheduled to play on Saturday have numerous players and coaches in the league's health and safety protocols right now; the Nets currently have 10 players on that list, which is the highest known figure for any team.

The league is allowing teams to sign replacements to hardship contracts when a player tests positive for the virus, with hopes such moves can minimize the need for postponements.

Other top NBA players were being added to the protocols list Tuesday. Toronto's Fred VanVleet is now one of seven players in protocols for the Raptors, but the team — anticipating some roster reinforcements — flew to Chicago on Tuesday in anticipation of a Wednesday game there against the Bulls.

Also Tuesday, Atlanta teammates Danilo Gallinari and Clint Capela joined a Hawks list that already included Trae Young, raising questions about their availability for Christmas.

Silver told ESPN that a very small number of the league's current cases involve players or coaches who have gone through the three-shot process — two Pfizer or Moderna shots, then a booster — and that those people have largely been asymptomatic or experiencing no worse than mild symptoms.

"Boosters are highly effective," Silver said, adding that the league and the National Basketball Players Association are trying to get the league's rate of boosted players increased significantly. The NBA has said 97% of players are fully vaccinated and the NBPA said Tuesday night that 65% of eligible players are boosted, which they pointed to as better than twice the national average.

"Today, we committed to facilitating the delivery of booster shots to all eligible players, and the NBPA is strongly encouraging all of our members to receive a booster as soon as possible," the union said.

Silver also said that the omicron variant is a "beyond dominant" player in the rise of positive tests within the NBA in recent days, estimating that somewhere around "90% of the positive cases we're seeing right now are omicron."

The league is also "actively looking" at changing some protocols and is in constant contact with other leagues, Silver said, about whether there are ways to allow asymptomatic players to take the floor or at least escape the protocols more quickly than the current rules allow. It does not appear a change in policy there is imminent.

"We're comfortable with the protocols we're following right now," Silver said.

There were some notable removals from the protocols list Tuesday. The Lakers said Dwight Howard and Talen Horton-Tucker would be available to play Tuesday night against Phoenix. But Lakers coach Frank Vogel and four players remain out, all because of protocols.

"This virus, unfortunately, isn't going anywhere," Silver said.

NHL announces players won't be allowed to go to Olympics

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NHL players will not be allowed to participate in the Beijing Olympics after the league pulled the plug amid a rash of postponements caused by positive COVID-19 test results.

Commissioner Gary Bettman made the announcement Tuesday, making official what seemed inevitable in recent days when the list of postponed games quickly grew to 50. The league will use the previously scheduled Feb. 6-22 Olympic break to make up those games and others that need to be rescheduled.

Bettman said, "Given the profound disruption to the NHL's regular-season schedule caused by recent COVID-related events ... Olympic participation is no longer feasible." In a separate statement, Players' Association executive director Don Fehr said that while there was a clear path to Beijing before COVID-19 intervened, the Olympic break is now needed to make up games.

International officials and national federations must now pivot to Plan B for a second consecutive Olympic men's hockey tournament without NHL players. USA Hockey said it will soon announce new management and coaching staffs, and Hockey Canada is expected to draw from the executives, coaches and players who took part in an international tournament in Moscow this month.

"Although we are disappointed to receive this decision by the NHL and NHLPA, we nevertheless fully understand the circumstances that forced this action to be taken," International Ice Hockey Federation president Luc Tardif said in a statement. "It was a shock to see how COVID-19 affected the NHL schedule almost overnight, and we understand the NHL's decision is in the best interest of the health and safety of its players."

The NHL's focus is on completing an 82-game regular season for the first time since 2018-19. The schedule already was extended through April, with the playoffs going to the end of June, with more than two weeks off in between for the Olympics.

When Olympic participation was confirmed in September, teams were sent two versions of the NFL schedule. The sheer volume of postponements forces the league to use that break for makeup dates, rather than folding later games into February and move up the start of the playoffs.

Despite the NHL not being part of the Olympics for just the second time since 1998, Bettman, Fehr and Tardif expressed optimism about a return for 2026. The league and NHLPA have a deal for Olympic participation as part of their collective bargaining agreement extension through that year.

Capitals-Flyers becomes 50th NHL game postponed this season

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The Washington Capitals-Philadelphia Flyers game originally scheduled for Tuesday night has been postponed, the 50th NHL game delayed this season for coronavirus-related reasons.

The league said COVID-19 issues with the Capitals prompted the postponement. Defenseman Justin Schultz and forward Daniel Sprong began the team's morning skate in Philadelphia but were pulled off after their test results came back.

Wiping out Capitals-Flyers left the Tampa Bay Lightning at the Vegas Golden Knights as the only game left in the NHL this week. The league and players' association agreed to begin the annual holiday break early and push off the games that were scheduled for Thursday.

"It's not fun to see all these games getting canceled," Lightning defenseman Victor Hedman said. "It'll be interesting to see the make-up dates and when they're going to fit those games in, but for us to focus on that, we can't do that."

Of the 50 games postponed, 45 have occurred over the past two weeks with the delta and omicron variants spreading across North America. More than 15% of the league's 700-plus players are in virus protocol, a list that continues to grow.

"Hopefully the guys that are affected have no symptoms and they get back as soon as possible to play hockey again," Hedman said

The Lightning will be without coach Jon Cooper against the Golden Knights after he was placed in COVID-19 protocol earlier in the day. Assistant coach Derek Lalonde was to take his place running the bench.

The Buffalo Sabres entered their holiday break by placing forwards Jeff Skinner and Zemgus Girgensons in COVID-19 protocol.

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Irish enjoy spirited workouts under new coach Freeman

BY JOHN FINERAN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Under new head football coach Marcus Freeman, No. 5 Notre Dame's practices for its PlayStation Fiesta Bowl appearance have been a gasser.

Freeman, who moved up from defensive coordinator Dec. 3 after Brian Kelly left for Louisiana State, has put the Fighting Irish (11-1) through seven practices preparing for their matchup with No. 9 Oklahoma State (11-2) on Jan. 1 in Glendale, Arizona. He likes those practices to be competitive from the opening whistle.

Freeman has his offensive and defensive units going against each other — for instance, receivers against defensive backs — with the losing unit having to run field-width sprints, also known as gassers.

"I call it our 'Opener,' " Freeman said. "It's a competitive situation. Offense vs. Defense. They don't know what it's going to be. I want to put the ball down and see our guys compete. It's nothing more than continuing to develop that competitive spirit."

The defense, apparently, has been doing just fine in the five "Openers" since — the Irish are keeping those results to themselves — but players on both sides of the line of scrimmage see the benefits as they prepare for the Cowboys without a pair of All-Americans. Running back Kyren Williams and free safety Kyle Hamilton have opted out of the game to prepare for the 2022 NFL Draft.

"It's a fun little way to build that competitive spirit," said junior linebacker JD Bertrand who led the Irish in tackles with 92, including five for lost yardage. "Practices have been great, too. We've had a lot of 1s vs. 1s, 1s vs. 2s, trying to get better by going against our own best players."

The Irish, who concluded the season on a seven-game winning streak following their 24-13 home loss on Oct. 2 to No. 4 Cincinnati (13-0), know they will have to be on top of their game against coach Mike Gundy's Cowboys, who are coming off a 21-16 loss to No. 7 Baylor in the Big 12 Championship Game.

Defensively, Oklahoma State ranks third in total defense (278.4 yards per game), eighth in scoring defense (16.8 points per game) and leads the nation in sacks (55) and tackles for loss (113).

"The intensity has changed … we practice at a high tempo," said freshman running back Logan Diggs, who came on late to average 4.3 yards a rush and total four touchdowns.

"We have a great running back room and I feel more than confident they'll do a great job," senior wide receiver Braden Lenzy said. "(Practice) has been more competitive. He (Freeman) always mentions enhancing, and there's a direct correlation with that in our practices. It isn't just an on/off switch from practice to games. It really feels like we're playing ball every day."

The defense is still getting used to not having Freeman overseeing things as much — senior defensive analyst Nick Lezynski is working with the linebackers in Freeman's place and working with special teams now that coordinator Brian Polian has joined Kelly in Baton Rouge.

"He's involved," said cornerbacks coach Mike Mickens, who served under Freeman at Cincinnati before joining Kelly's staff for the 2020 season. "We just all got to pitch in a little bit more now that he's got a little bit more on his plate."

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